



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Past Division Commander.

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**A. G. COURTNEY, Commander.**  
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Proceedings of the Thirteenth  
Annual Encampment.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1896.

ENCAMPMENT called to order in the city opera house; Division Commander Lewis J. Macy, of Pulaski, N. Y., in the chair, who called the Encampment to order at 10 A. M.

Commander Macy—The Thirteenth Annual Encampment will now come to order. Officer of the day, you are to see that a Camp and Picket Guard are appointed, and placed in their positions, and in possession of the pass-word and countersign.

Officer of the Day—Sir, your order shall be obeyed, Colonel. Comrades Bogart and Thornton have been detailed as Camp and Picket Guard.

By the Commander—The Division Adjutant will call the roll of officers.

Roll call by the Division Adjutant, to which the officers responded as follows:

Division Commander Lewis J. Macy, present.  
Senior Vice-Division Commander H. C. H. Cooper, absent.  
Junior Vice-Division Commander Chas. D. Higgins, present.  
Division Adjutant Byron G. Seamaus, present.  
Division Quartermaster John W. Parkhurst, present.  
Division Chaplain W. E. Gray, present.  
Division Inspector Philip Reece, present.  
Division Council—Charles Kinney, present; Jac. Wisel, present;  
and Clarence L. Demorest, present.  
Judge Advocate George S. Tarbell, absent.  
Division Mustering Officer Frank K. Maples, present.  
Division Surgeon Ira A. Allen, present.

By the Commander—Encampment attention; all salute the flag.

Flag placed in position and saluted by the entire Encampment.

By the Commander—By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Division Commander, I now declare the Thirteenth Annual Encampment opened and in order for business. Officer of the Day, you will instruct the Camp and Picket Guard to admit all for whom they can vouch. You will also arrange the altar.

By the Division Commander—The Division Adjutant will call the roll of Aides-de-Camp. As their names are called, they will come forward and receive their badges from the Quartermaster.

The adjutant here calls the roll of Aides-de-Camp:

S. B. McLuckey.....	absent	Fred R. Taber.....	present
Richard L. Owen.....	absent	Chas. A. Schenck.....	absent
W. D. Lowell.....	absent	Augustus Van Schoick.....	present
N. M. Wilson.....	absent	C. B. Burch.....	present
J. M. Diven.....	present	Emery B. Nelson.....	absent
C. H. Fenner.....	present	Frank P. Connell.....	present
Jonas E. More.....	absent	D. A. Fradenburgh.....	absent
John W. Corwin.....	absent	W. C. Merrill.....	absent
Chas. G. Fowler.....	absent	Thos. F. Maxwell.....	present
F. H. Curtis.....	absent	Edwin A. Bolton.....	absent
E. J. Holly.....	absent	J. D. Hope.....	present
C. F. Hildreth.....	present	R. J. LaLone.....	absent
F. J. Walsh.....	absent	C. H. King.....	absent
John C. G. Rennert.....	absent	W. A. Green.....	absent
Joseph H. Wilton.....	absent	Wm. Britton.....	absent
Gustave Zimmerman.....	absent	J. R. Gardner.....	absent
Will Shaffer.....	absent	J. G. Bogart.....	present
E. H. Miller.....	present	Geo. B. Fish.....	present
Gustave Seidenstock.....	absent	J. S. Rosa.....	absent
Geo. B. Wurster.....	absent	C. L. Drantz.....	absent
Max L. Masius.....	absent	C. A. Gwinup.....	absent
Thos. D. Rivers.....	present	L. J. Baldwin.....	absent
Benj. Teufel.....	absent	G. E. Johnson.....	present
S. W. Rausch.....	absent	S. E. Smith.....	absent
Samuel M. Bower.....	present	H. H. Parker.....	present
John V. B. Clarkson.....	present		

By the Commander—Are any Division Commanders present from other Divisions? Any Past Commanders from other Divisions? Any Past Division Commanders of the state of New York?

Past Division Commander Addington—I would prefer to remain on the floor with the brothers, Commander.

By the Commander—Any Past Commanders-in-Chief present?

Past Commander-in-Chief George W. Marks—I would prefer to remain on the floor, if the Commander please.



By the Division Commander—We would be pleased to welcome you to the platform. I will now appoint the Committee on Credentials: Division Adjutant Byron G. Seamans, chairman; J. Frank Durston; L. M. Alexander; George F. Chesbro, of Phoenix; William D. Spear; C. H. E. Moran. I move that we now take a recess until 1:30 P. M.

Motion seconded.

By Capt. E. W. Estes—Do I understand that is 1:30 sharp?

By the Commander—It means 1:30, but we cannot proceed until the committee is ready to report. We can not transact business until we have the delegation arranged.

Motion put and carried.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Encampment called to order at 2:15 P. M.

Commander Macy in the chair.

By the Commander—We will now listen to the roll call of officers.

Roll call by Division Adjutant.

The following officers present:

Division Commander Lewis J. Macy.

Senior Vice-Division Commander H. C. H. Cooper.

Junior Vice-Division Commander Charles D. Higgins.

Division Adjutant Byron G. Seamans.

Division Quartermaster John W. Parkhurst.

Chaplain W. C. Gray.

Division Inspector Philip Reece.

Division Council—Charles Kinney, Jac. Wisel, and C. L.

Demorest.

Judge Advocate George S. Tarbell.

Division Mustering Officer Frank K. Maples.

Division Surgeon Ira A. Allen.

By the Commander—I will now thank you for the roll call of Aides-de-Camp. The brothers, as their names are called, will step forward and the Quartermaster will invest them with their badges.

The roll was called and the brothers went forward and received their badges.

By the Commander—We will now listen to the report of the Committee on Credentials, which will be submitted by the Adjutant.

Division Adjutant Seamans reads the report.

## Report of Committee on Credentials.

WAVERLY, N. Y., June 23rd, 1896.

Commander and Brothers of the Thirteenth Annual Encampment,  
Division of New York :

The Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that they have examined the credentials presented to them, and they find that the following named brothers are entitled to seats in this Encampment :

Division Commander Lewis J. Macy.  
Senior Vice-Division Commander Henry C. H. Cooper.  
Junior Vice-Division Commander Chas. D. Higgins.  
Division Surgeon Ira A. Allen.  
Division Chaplain W. C. Gray.  
Division Adjutant Byron G. Seamans.  
Division Quartermaster John W. Parkhurst.  
Division Inspector Philip Reece.  
Division Mustering Officer Frank K. Maples.  
Judge Advocate George S. Tarbell.

## DIVISION COUNCIL :

Charles Kinney, Jac. Wisel, C. L. Demorest.

## PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF :

Geo. W. Marks, Geo. T. Brown, Bartow S. Weeks.

## PAST DIVISION COMMANDERS :

M. J. Dowling, George Addington, Job E. Hodges, Wm. H. Robertson,  
J. C. Sawyer, Wm. H. Wyker, Clarence E. Holmes, Lewis J. Macy.  
Adolph Heffling, E. F. Fellows, W. S. Oberdorf,

## BROTHERS :

NAME.	CAMP NO.	NAME.	CAMP No.
Joseph Andrews, JR., delegate.....	2	L. M. Alexander, past captain.....	48
Geo. E. Johnson, delegate-at-large.....	2	L. C. Main, delegate.....	48
Harry L. Oincy, past captain.....	3	A. G. Courtney, JR., past captain.....	52
M. F. Eldred, delegate.....	3	J. Frank Durston, past captain.....	52
Wm. Moynihan, past captain.....	6	Geo. W. Land, past captain.....	52
P. D. Lewis, past captain.....	6	Wm. R. Mudford, past captain.....	52
Robert Attridge, past captain.....	6	Gustave Orth, past captain.....	52
E. H. Miller, delegate.....	6	H. M. Ford, past captain.....	52
B. Stunch, delegate.....	6	George I. Smith, delegate.....	52
Frank C. Wood, delegate.....	9	Frank Arkin, past captain.....	59
C. S. Albright, delegate.....	18	Wm. H. Edwards, past captain.....	59
Orra J. Coles, delegate.....	21	Edward Harrigan, delegate-at-large.....	60
Chas. H. E. Moran, past captain.....	25	George H. Fleming, delegate.....	60
Thomas Moran, past captain.....	25	Wm. H. Harris, delegate.....	60
R. L. Owens, past captain.....	25	Horace P. Hollister, delegate.....	64
John D. Davey, past captain.....	25	H. J. Strauss, past captain.....	77
Peter Kloss, past captain.....	25	F. C. Colson, delegate.....	77
Michael Kenlie, past captain.....	25	Judd VanGorder, delegate-at-large.....	77
John Kenlie, past captain.....	25	James A. Haight, delegate.....	78
Adner Lown, delegate.....	25	Thomas F. Maxwell, past captain.....	86
Chas. E. Anthony, delegate-at-large.....	25	R. B. Bontleon, delegate.....	86
Wm. O. Jones, delegate.....	31	H. K. Downing, delegate-at-large.....	86
W. L. Clark, delegate.....	35	M. J. Baker, past captain.....	88
O. E. Witherell, delegate-at-large.....	35	W. A. Personius, past captain.....	88
Geo. E. Seaman, past captain.....	40	W. T. Harris, past captain.....	88
Geo. B. Fish, past captain.....	40	Harry G. Morgan, delegate.....	88
Freeman G. Ault, past captain.....	40	H. E. Gregory, delegate-at-large.....	88
Henry Monte, past captain.....	40	John F. Murphy, delegate.....	101
Howard Bush, delegate.....	40	Fred Koch, alternate-at-large.....	102
Sidney Bush, alternate.....	40	C. B. Burch, past captain.....	105
John H. Forcey, past captain.....	42	F. G. Whitney, delegate.....	105
Wm. F. Reed, past captain.....	42	F. A. Calkins, delegate.....	105
Geo. F. Wood, past captain.....	42	H. M. Avery, delegate.....	106
Chas. H. Mason, past captain.....	42	John F. Burdin, delegate-at-large.....	123
Edwin A. Bolton, past captain.....	42	Egbert T. Armstrong, alternate.....	123
Loren E. Cook, past captain.....	42	W. K. Townner, alternate.....	136
David B. Clark, past captain.....	42	Geo. Welch, past captain.....	164
Walter D. Clark, delegate.....	42	L. J. Witherell, delegate-at-large.....	164
E. A. Van Vonst, delegate-at-large.....	42	Jacob Schwarz, past captain.....	166
Burton M. Smith, alternate.....	42	Adam C. Listman, past captain.....	166
Edgar A. Shurtleff, alternate-at-large.....	42	John Grub, delegate.....	166
C. H. Fenner, past captain.....	48	DeWitt C. Hough, past captain.....	167

Edward J. Travers, delegate.....	167	Wm. Niles, delegate.....	199
Geo. M. Matthews, delegate.....	191	Fred Bingham, past captain.....	229
J. Frank Morgan, delegate.....	192	Thomas Miller, past captain.....	229
H. B. Loomis, past captain.....	193	Joseph Bingham, delegate.....	229
G. B. Hess, delegate-at-large.....	193	Wm. D. Spear, past captain.....	229
Orley C. Spencer, past captain.....	199		

## SITTING CAPTAINS.

NAME.	CAMP NO	NAME.	CAMP NO.
W. J. Severance, captain.....	1	J. M. Diven, captain.....	77
John Pentreath, captain.....	2	Archie Sylvester, captain.....	78
Chas. E. Turk, captain.....	3	Crawford N. Smith, JR., captain.....	79
Chas B Fonda, captain.....	4	Wm. Havens, captain.....	81
A. C. Chamberlain, captain.....	5	F. J. Wheelock, captain.....	82
D. E. Bohanon, captain.....	6	Chas. Cuatis, JR., captain.....	83
Ed. T. Quade, captain.....	7	W. V. N. Stowell, captain.....	86
Frank A. Winchester, captain.....	8	Judson G. Bogart, captain.....	88
Henry H. Parker, captain.....	9	C. F. Giles, captain.....	89
Howard V. Lane, captain.....	10	Max Miller, captain.....	90
Frank H. Hawley, captain.....	12	F. F. Woodruff, captain.....	95
G. A. Burnham, captain.....	14	Joel B Wheeler, captain.....	96
H. C. Merrill, captain.....	15	Albert E. Brown, captain.....	101
R. W. Smith, captain.....	16	Theodore O. Spiller, captain.....	102
C. L. Norton, captain.....	17	Benjamin Teufel, captain.....	193
Willis Sager, captain.....	18	J. B. Stanton, captain.....	104
Ed. E. Corning, captain.....	19	J. W. Parkhurst, captain.....	105
Wilson R. Mendell, captain.....	20	Wm. G Thorp, captain.....	106
Frank P. Connell, captain.....	21	W. H. VanNostrand, captain.....	107
Edwin V. Marquardt, captain.....	22	Geo. H. Perry, captain.....	109
Joseph Murray, captain.....	23	R. K. Way, captain.....	115
Samuel Bower, captain.....	26	P. J. Wholitan, captain.....	117
Alven Norse, captain.....	29	F. B Hock, captain.....	120
W. J. Hepworth, captain.....	31	Irving Newbury, captain.....	121
Frank Damon, captain.....	32	Abram Finnegan, captain.....	122
George L. Adams, captain.....	33	Willard C Ellis, captain.....	123
Fred Martin, captain.....	34	Olin J. Fuller, captain.....	130
Geo. E. Race, captain.....	35	C. F. Altig, captain.....	133
A. P. McGraw, captain.....	36	James Connors, captain.....	134
G. B. Lee, captain.....	37	Thomas Gray, captain.....	135
Frank Pierce, captain.....	38	W. Scott Oberdorf, captain.....	136
H. S. Howe, captain.....	39	Geo. Shampine, captain.....	138
Wm. A. French, captain.....	40	John V. B. Clarkson, captain.....	140
C. T. Hauptman, captain.....	41	T. J. Hamilton, captain.....	142
Chas. Hagen, captain.....	42	Philip St. John, captain.....	143
L. C. Kienle, captain.....	43	Ansel J. Kimball, captain.....	145
James G. Agaus, captain.....	44	C. H. Burton, captain.....	147
Charles H. King, captain.....	45	Charles Struble, captain.....	150
Joe J. Kelley, captain.....	47	W. D. Kinney, captain.....	164
W. C. Wolcott, captain.....	48	F. W. Haskins, captain.....	165
C. C. Craine, captain.....	49	Chas. A. Schenck, captain.....	166
M. J. Aylor, captain.....	50	Thos. D. Rivers, captain.....	167
Fred M. Norcross, captain.....	51	Robt. F. Schmidt, captain.....	168
A. VanSchoick, captain.....	52	J. C. Gregor, captain.....	170
John P. Langworthy, captain.....	53	Casper Walter, captain.....	171
John Campbell, captain.....	54	Fred Southard, captain.....	180
James S. Fedigan, captain.....	56	F. J. Parker, captain.....	181
W. S. Smead, captain.....	57	Alton Smith, captain.....	191
John J. Hnyck, captain.....	58	H. L. Dowdell, captain.....	192
Frank Hill, captain.....	59	F. B. Cooper, captain.....	193
N. P. Fredricks, captain.....	60	Geo. A. Morriss, captain.....	199
Samuel L. Bishop, captain.....	61	Wm. Ondudonk, captain.....	204
Royal Caswell, captain.....	62	Ira Kniffin, captain.....	205
Joseph H. Wilton, captain.....	63	Geo. F. Chesbro, captain.....	207
Arthur Mandeville, captain.....	64	E. D. Thorne, captain.....	212
E. C. North, captain.....	65	K. C. Gilbert, captain.....	213
W. H. Sissons, captain.....	66	Wm. Tanner, captain.....	217
J. D. Hope, captain.....	67	Charles Classen, captain.....	220
Eli Mosher, captain.....	68	H. S. Potter, captain.....	225
Gustave Zimmerman, captain.....	69	F. N. Mallory, captain.....	228
L. R. Failing, captain.....	71	Thomas Miller, captain.....	229
Harry S. Dodge, captain.....	72	Wm. L. Corey, captain.....	230
Albert Sievers, JR, captain.....	74	J. H. Peckham, captain.....	231
J. E. Schoonmaker, captain.....	75	G. H. H. Diersing, captain.....	307

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,  
 B. G. SEAMANS,  
 J. FRANK DURSTON,  
 L. M. ALEXANDER,  
 GEO. F. CHESBRO,  
 WM. D. SPEAR.



John V. B. Clarkson—I move the adoption of the report of the committee on Credentials.

By the Commander—The motion is that the report be received and adopted. Is it seconded?

George H. Welch, 164—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

John V. B. Clarkson—I believe the report of the committee on Credentials is accepted as far as it goes, but they are expected to be in session and report from time to time as the session of the Encampment may demand.

Wm. Harris, 88—I wish to say the delegates' badges are ready at any time you see fit to distribute them.

By the Commander—The next thing in order is the appointment of committees. I will appoint them as follows:

Constitution, Rules and Regulations—George F. Woods, H. Munroe Ford, George Johnson, Geo. M. Mathews and John F. Murphy.

Ritual—George B. Fish, C. H. E. Moran, M. J. Barker, C. B. Burch, Thomas D. Rivers.

Resolutions—E. W. Estes, Samuel Bowers, J. M. Diven, Frank Connell, H. H. Parker.

Officers' Reports—Past Commander-in-Chief George W. Marks, Past Division Commander George Addington, Adam C. Listman, Wm. B. Moynihan and A. G. Courtney.

By the Commander—The next thing in order is the officers' reports.

### Division Commander's Report.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK DIVISION  
OF SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.:

For the second time it is my honor to stand before you in the capacity of Division Commander of the New York Division of Sons of Veterans, and my pleasure, also for the second time, to welcome you, members and officers alike, to our annual Encampment.

Last year at Syracuse it was your declared wish that I should serve you another year in the capacity of Commander, and with full knowledge of what a re-election meant, with its accompanying cares and duties. I assumed the responsibility of office with much anxiety, and to-day I am to render an account of my stewardship,

The past year has been one of the hardest our Order has been called upon to pass through. The wave of financial distress which had already made itself felt during my last term of office has broken with its disastrous effect during the last year, and many camps have gone down before it. Recognizing from past experience the great difficulty of reviving old camps, my attention was directed to organizing new ones and increasing the interest and enthusiasm in our Order in general. My endeavors in this direction have been so far successful that it can truthfully be said that the permanency and stability of our order was never so perfectly assured as at present.

But while it may be a matter of congratulation that we have surmounted past difficulties, and while we may truly feel we have gained experience and strength from repeated trials, yet we must not be satisfied with the simple assurance that we are not at present upon a solid working basis, but should strive the more toward a healthy growth and progress, which are no less essential to our welfare. The Order has now reached a point where its prosperity depends upon the interest and enthusiasm with which each individual enters upon the work and the faithfulness with which he performs his duty. It is one of the purposes of these annual gatherings to so inspire the delegates here in attendance with interest in the work that upon their return the camps which they represent may receive a new impetus and manifest a new vigor in the organization. If we bear this thought in mind as we transact the business here under consideration I am sure we will find ourselves benefited not only socially but as an Order and will go from this Encampment with a spirit of loyalty which will long make it memorable in the history of our organization.

Profiting by one year's experience, I was able at the breaking up of our Twelfth Annual Encampment, to begin the duties of my office at once, and immediately associated with me forty-two Aides-de-Camp. From these I expected material aid, but was disappointed to find that in many instances only a slight interest in the work was manifested, while from others I received no answer to communications whatsoever. What might have been accomplished by these Aides is shown by the earnest work and attention to duty of Chas. H. Feuner, of Cortland, E. H. Miller, of Rochester, Geo. E. Johnson, of Yonkers, and Sergt. Randolph White, of Tarrytown.

Every duty assigned to them has received prompt attention, and all communications have been answered in the shortest possible time. Brother Fenner has secured the Division two active camps, and Brother Miller has the distinction of mustering in a camp of one hundred and five members. I desire to publicly acknowledge the services of Major C. D. Higgins, who is the founder of two flourishing camps, and to also congratulate Division Mustering Officer Frank K. Maples, to whom belongs the honor of mustering a camp of one hundred and eighteen charter members, the largest, I believe, ever submitted to our Order. I take this occasion to thank the members of my staff for their work at headquarters and their faithfulness to duty.

I wish at this time to publicly thank Division Inspector Philip Reece; also Division Surgeon Ira A. Allen, for their faithfulness to the discharge of every duty entrusted to them. It can be truthfully said there has been the most complete inspection made in the Division for years. My Division Chaplain, W. E. Gray, has been punctual in performing every duty.

During the past year there was a change in my staff, made necessary by the resignation of Newton G. Ehle as Division Adjutant. Owing to a change in business, Mr. Ehle was obliged to leave home and was unable to attend to work at headquarters. Brother Ehle will be remembered by all those who knew him as a loyal member of our Order and an efficient officer, and may be assured of the best wishes of myself and staff and the Order in general. To fill this vacancy, Brother Byron G. Seamans, of A. S. Warner Camp, No. 105, was installed and has occupied the office since December 17, 1895.

The burdens of the office have been materially lightened by the timely advice and words of encouragement from the members of the National Staff: Gen. Wm. H. Russell, Adjutant-General C. Borin, Quartermaster-General R. Loebenstein, and to them I extend my heartiest thanks.

#### NEW CAMPS.

Despite the many discouragements of my last term of office, nineteen new camps have been organized, together with one at Warwick, not yet mustered. These new camps show an increase of membership of 642.

RECOMMENDATION I.: That the charter fee remain at \$20.



## WORK AT HEADQUARTERS.

Familiarity with the nature of the work has aided much in the facility with which business has progressed at headquarters, and we have been able to accomplish much more in the same time than last year. As a result we have sent out more written and printed matter than formerly and our correspondence has received prompt attention. Much time, however, has been spent in examining and filing reports with a view of reducing more thoroughly to a system the business transacted at headquarters.

**RECOMMENDATION II.:** That the sum of \$750 be allowed the Division Commander for rent, lighting and heating headquarters, and for other expenses incidental to the business of the Division.

## OFFICIAL VISITS.

In many instances I have performed my visitorial duties by letter where the camp was situated at a distance and my personal attention was not necessary. I have, however, made thirteen official visits, installed the officers for one camp and assisted in mustering two others; on the 19th and 20th of May I attended the G. A. R. Encampment, at Utica, and the W. R. C., and conveyed the greeting to each.

## PROCEEDINGS.

In compliance with the usual custom five hundred copies of the proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Encampment have been printed, and copies, together with those of the National Encampment, have been forwarded, one to each camp.

## ROSTER.

In the compiling of the roster, our endeavor has been to fully maintain the standard of former years, and if possible to make such improvements as are deemed advisable and as convenience demands. Its purpose is to fully meet the requirements of a handbook of general information as to the name, number, location and statistics of each camp.

**RECOMMENDATION III.:** If the Division Commander deems it advisable, he shall issue a roster containing roster of Commandery-in-Chief, the Division officers and camps only; the edition to be limited to five hundred copies when the roster is printed separately from the proceedings.

## FINANCES.

There has been expended during the year, for organizing, over two hundred dollars. Much more could have been used to advantage had the funds of the Division warranted.

RECOMMENDATION IV.: That the sum of four hundred dollars, or such amount as is deemed necessary, be allowed the Division Commander for organizing.

RECOMMENDATION V.: That the rate of the per capita tax in this Division remain the same as last year, 12½ cents per quarter.

## THE G. A. R.

The lack of interest shown by some camps has been more than counteracted by the increasing support given our Order by the G. A. R. It was largely through the endeavor of Capt. Martin Short, of Post 35, Brooklyn, and J. H. Chatfield, Post 1, Rochester, that Camps No. 60 and No. 28, with respectively 105 and 140 charter members, were organized. Too much cannot be said of the part the G. A. R. is taking in our work. Not only do they heartily endorse the work of the Order, but aid materially in organizing camps and sustaining the interest in those already in existence. The W. R. C., while more particularly allied with the G. A. R., have taken a most helpful attitude toward the Sons of Veterans where the Ladies' Aid Societies are not yet organized.

## LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The work of the Ladies' Aid Society is well worth the cordial endorsement which it receives. It is especially auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, and we owe much of the interest of our Order to their inspiration. Many particular instances of their work might be cited, but the purpose and method of their organization is too well known to need further mention.

## DIVISION COUNCIL.

The encouragement and assistance delivered from the Division Council both as a result of the annual meeting at headquarters and as a result of correspondence, has been of great value to me, and I gratefully acknowledge the benefit derived therefrom.

RECOMMENDATION VI.: I would recommend that the retiring administration have the minutes of this Encampment printed, and the number be limited to five hundred copies.

## CONCLUSION.

With the conclusion of this report expires my second term of office as Division Commander. The time has been fruitful in experience and many and varied are the thoughts as I contemplate the last two years. In even so brief a space, time has wrought its changes. Many who took part in the impressive opening ceremonies a year ago, or with whom we exchanged the hearty hand-shake of welcome, have passed the picket line into the Unknown Country from whose borders none ever return, and it is left to us but to honor and cherish their memory.

One of the pleasant features of my term of office has been the acquaintances I have made. I shall always cherish, and it is my earnest hope to always continue and strengthen them as time passes. Once again I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have by word or deed made the burden of the office lighter, or have by attention to duty even in the smallest particular encouraged me in my official work.

And now as I resume my position in the rank and file of our Order, it is with a new interest in the work and with a firm belief and with a stronger faith that with our motto of "Fraternity, Loyalty and Charity," our Order has before it a future of the brightest promise.

L. J. MACY,  
Division Commander.

**Division Adjutant's Report.**

To LEWIS J. MACY, DIVISION COMMANDER:

As Division Adjutant I would respectfully submit the following report for the year ending July 1, 1896 :

At the beginning of the year just past, the membership of the Division was 3,608. During the year there have been mustered, eighteen camps, namely: 9, I. S. Decker; 11, Levi P. Morton; 28, Mansfield; 30, H. E. Tyler; 33, A. M. Wood; 46, E. D. Robie; 44, Campbell; 60, O'Rorke; 79, John P. Jenkins; 82, Geo. W. Mather; 83, I. L. Roch; 89, Apalachin; 90, Warner Miller; 101, Charles H. Burtiss; 106, Col. W. Dickey; 122, David G. Caywood; 123, Colonel Garrett Nevis; 170, Gen. D. B. Sackett. These new camps added to the membership of the Order, 643. Mansfield Camp was mustered with a charter list of 140 members, and O'Rorke, 105; thus gaining great



credit to the Sons of Veterans in Brooklyn and Rochester for work in organizing. The following camps have, for particular reasons, been taken from the list: 101, Chas. Personious, charter surrendered; 33, O. Holden, charter surrendered; 54, Daniel Stryker, charter surrendered; 28, E. D. Baker, charter revoked; 30, H. VanArnum, charter revoked; 1, Tappan, charter surrendered; 175, J. A. Penfield, charter surrendered; 307, E. D. Morgan, charter revoked. The membership of the Division now stands 3374, 137 camps. The great depression of business and hard times generally has had its effect on this Order as well as on every other organization where dues are required. This, with a degree of indifference on the part of officers of many camps, has tended to reduce the membership, notwithstanding the increase of the number of camps by eleven.

The employment of a stenographer at the Department headquarters the past year was a wise thing, as the amount of work done there is of such magnitude that the personal attention of some one is needed constantly. The correspondence is voluminous and neither the Commander nor Adjutant can afford to conduct it for the amount a stenographer costs. The headquarters have been open every day, and no communications have suffered for want of prompt attention.

About four hundred commissions have been issued during the past year and the regulation requiring a fee for them has been observed with but little indifference by the camp officers.

Division orders have been issued from these headquarters during the year as follows:

PULASKI, N. Y., July 13, 1896.

**DIVISION ORDER No. 6.**

I. Having been re-elected Commander of the New York Division of Sons of Veterans, at the twelfth annual Encampment, held at Syracuse, N. Y., July 2-4, command is hereby re-assumed and headquarters continued in the Austin block, on Jefferson Avenue, Pulaski.

II. At the twelfth annual Encampment of the New York Division of Sons of Veterans, the following officers were elected and duly installed:  
 Com. ander—L. J. Macy, Pulaski.  
 Senior Vice Commander—H. C. H. Cooper, No. 4, Rockland Park, Rochester.

Junior Vice Commander—Chas. D. Higgins, Seneca Falls.  
 Division Council—Chas. Kinnev, Brocton; Jac Wisel, 26 Cliff St., New York City; C. L. Demorest, Waverly.

III. The following are the delegates elected to represent the Division at the fourteenth annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, to be held in the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, Sept. 16-19, 1895:



## DELEGATE AT LARGE.

E. W. Estes, Clayton.

## DELEGATES.

H. J. Frame, Clayton.

O. E. Conway, Jamestown.

J. A. Spencer, Gouverneur.

J. F. Durston, Syracuse.

H. B. Hollister.

E. T. Fairchild, Dansville.

A. C. Listman, Syracuse.

Geo. D. Johnson, Tarrytown.

## ALTERNATE AT LARGE.

W. R. Mudford, Syracuse.

## ALTERNATES.

O. E. Witherell.

Vernon Matthews.

J. G. Bogart, Waverly.

W. P. Brown.

C. B. Burch, Pulaski.

T. R. Tice.

G. H. Watch.

T. D. Rivers.

The postoffice address and number of street of some of the delegates and alternates, also of some of the staff officers, are not on file at these Headquarters. Each officer will please forward same by return mail.

IV. The following staff officers of the Division were duly appointed and installed:

Surgeon—Ira A. Allen, New York city.

Chaplain—W. C. Gray, Utica.

Adjutant—N. G. Ehle, Pulaski.

Quartermaster—J. W. Parkhurst, Pulaski.

Inspector—Philip Reece, New York city.

Mustering Officer—Frank K. Maples, Brooklyn.

Judge Advocate—Geo. S. Tarbell, Ithaca.

These officers will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

V. All officers and aides-de-camp appointed previous to July 1st, 1895, are hereby relieved from duty.

VI. All Camps and officers having official communications to make with Division headquarters will please note the following instructions:

1. Address all communications to Lock Box No. 38, Pulaski, Oswego, Co., N. Y.

2. Make all remittances by draft or postoffice or express money order, payable to the order of Division Quartermaster J. W. Parkhurst. No attention will be paid to claims, or supplies furnished, or for money claimed to have been lost in transit when these instructions are not followed. Do not send postage stamps, as they often stick together and are a great annoyance and sometimes worthless.

VII. The quarterly per capita tax of 12½ cents is now past due on members of all Camps organized on or before March 31, 1895, who were in good standing June 30, 1895. The First Sergeant's and Quartermaster Sergeant's blank reports have been sent to Captains, and should be promptly made out and forwarded to these Headquarters, as per instructions on envelope furnished for such purpose.

VIII. The new password and countersign will be sent only to camps whose reports, together with the per capita tax, are received at headquarters by July 29, at 5 P. M., at which time the Adjutant's book will close, and all camps whose reports have not been received at that time will be reported suspended.

IX. There is on hand at these Headquarters a number of copies of the proceedings of the ninth, tenth and eleventh annual Encampments of this Division. To close these out they will be sent postpaid for 20 cents per copy.

X. The charter fee remains the same—\$20—which amount must accompany all applications for charters.

XI. Twenty-five per cent. in excess of printed cost price as quoted on blank requisitions, will be charged. Please bear this in mind and you will relieve us of the necessity of returning your order. Please add postage or express or they will be sent to you by express at your expense.

XII. Since the issue of Division order No. 5, the following new camp has been mustered:

Joseph Irish Camp, No. 29, of Earlville, Madison Co., with 20 charter members; Aide-de-camp Adam C. Listman, Syracuse, mustering officer; Jas. L. Elmer, captain; Will S. Shafer, 1st Lieutenant; David N. Jones, 2nd Lieutenant.

XIII. Frank R. McKenna, the Sons of Veterans fraud, who has caused so much trouble to the Order, was drowned at Catskill, May 23. At that place he worked on the sympathy of the Y. M. C. A., after which he started to row out to meet a passing steamer, in company with a young man of that place. The boat capsized and both went to the bottom. Peace be to his remains.

XIV. The resignation of Robert R. Schomaker, as 2nd Lieutenant of Francis Reynolds Camp, No. 61, of Kingston, N. Y., has been received and the election and installation of his successor ordered.

XV. The following officers have been elected and installed: Gustave Zimmerman, Captain, and James Westlake, 1st Lieutenant, of George Stroug Camp, No. 69, of Brooklyn.

XVI. At this time I will quote Article 7, Section 3, of Division By-Laws, which reads as follows: The sum of twenty-five cents shall be charged for each commission issued to the elective officers of the camp, and the appointive offices of the Division. This law will be enforced, and no officer will receive his commission or be placed in command until this fee is received at headquarters.

XVII. Any desiring a picture of the Encampment, taken at Syracuse, can procure them of R. A. Goodwin, photographer, 314 So. Salina St. Syracuse, for 75c., postpaid. It is an elegant picture and would grace the wall of any camp room.

XVIII. A thorough and complete inspection of all camps in this Division will be made some time between October 1 and December 1, '95. Captains will at once get ready to furnish the Inspector General the best and most complete inspection the New York Division has ever sent in.

XIX. When your Commander was placed at the head of our Order, at the '94 Encampment, he experienced the feelings which always come to one assuming the duties and obligations of so important an office. As firmly as the responsibilities of the office may have impressed him at that time, the experience of one year as your leader has well served to intensify the full significance of what those responsibilities mean. In assuming this office for a second term he assumes with it the still graver responsibility of keeping inviolate the trust and confidence which you have seen fit to place in him by his re-election. But, however important may be the duties of your commander, there are other duties none the less important because they fall upon the rank and file of the Order. Upon the faithful performance of these duties depends in a great degree the success of this administration, and your Commander looks forward to and expects a hearty co-operation throughout the Division during the ensuing year.

By order of

Official:

N. G. EHLE, Adjutant.

L. J. MACY, Commander.

DIVISION ORDER No. 7.

PULASKI, N. Y., August 17, 1895.

I. General order No. 4, series of 1895, of the Commandery-in-Chief, is hereby promulgated, and special attention is called to Articles No. 1,



2 and 3. I would advise a careful perusal of the entire order, as it is filled with valuable information; and also of Official Circular No. 1.

II. Since the issue of Division order No. 6, application for charter has been received and approved for a camp at Moors, Clinton county, and Captain James Kavanagh has been commissioned to muster the same.

III. Since the issue of the last Division order, resignations have been received and accepted, and the election and installation of their successors ordered:

Lieut. E. G. Puderbaugh, Camp 40.

Lieut. Dell Simons, Camp 54.

Lieut. W. H. Betts, Camp 54.

Lieut. J. P. Mendell, Camp 20.

Lieut. E. L. Martiatt, Camp 42.

IV. Delancy Cole Camp, No. 78, of Peekskill, has changed its time of meeting from Friday to Monday evenings, at same hour and place.

V. F. S. Reece Camp, No. 22, Rhinebeck, has changed its time of meeting to Wednesday nights of each week, in their new rooms.

VI. The name of Capt. Hira Derby Camp, No. 142, located at De Grass, St. Lawrence county, has been changed to Col. W. B. Goodrich and approved by your Commander.

VII. There will be no charters or dispensations granted from these headquarters from September 13 to 25, as your Commander will be in attendance at the national Encampment. All requisitions will be promptly filled by the Division Quartermaster.

VIII. The proceedings of the twelfth annual Encampment are now in the hands of the printer, and will soon be completed. It is expected that they will be the finest yet made, and each captain will please ascertain how many his camp will want, and send in his order early.

IX. The time is drawing near for the annual inspection of each camp. It is the desire of your Commander and Inspector that this Division furnish the Inspector General the most complete report ever forwarded.

X. At this time I wish to call the attention of all to the necessity of forwarding the 25-cent commission fee with the installing officer's report on all occasions, as no commission will be issued or officer recognized until it is paid.

XI. Charles Personius Camp, No. 101, of Brockton, has surrendered its charter and the following members have been granted Division transfers: Capt. F. G. Ault, D. F. Roe, C. R. Holcott, Esta Landon, Geo. H. Ault, Jas. A. Turk, C. H. Woodhull, Arthur Seman, Geo. F. Roe, Chas. R. Reed.

XII. There are several camps that are over a year in arrears at these headquarters, who could not be prevailed upon to pay up their indebtedness and close their affairs honorably, hence their charters have been revoked:

9, H. M. Kirley, Lowville.

44, Judson Field, Canastota.

46, C. D. Godfrey, Pullney.

87, Ft. Ticonderoga, Ticonderoga.

100, A. Lincoln, Andover.

114, Louis Ross, Nyack.

131, Lennox, North Collins.

155, John Rains, Shortsville.

188, Stenbro, Springville.

189, J. S. Clark, Cleveland.

- 190, Fred Englehart, St. Johnsville.  
 206, Maple City, Ogdensburg.  
 208, E. F. Jones, Glens Falls.  
 216, W. S. Parks, Camden.  
 226, D. W. Harrington, Castile.  
 231, Captain Warner, Portville.  
 232, C. D. Baumont, Wellsborough.  
 235, McPherson, Avon.  
 137, Thos. Grant, Mansfield.  
 2, D. B. White, Carthage.

XIII. Reports for the quarter ending June 30 have not been received from Camps 25, 28, 62 and 72. The semi-annual pass word and counter-sign will not be sent to the captains of these camps until correct reports are received and all taxes paid. Attend to this at once and save your camps from suspension.

XIV. Arrangements have been perfected with the Southern Railway Company to carry the New York delegation to the national Encampment at Knoxville, leaving New York city, via Baltimore & Ohio R.R. at 3:30 p. m., Saturday, September 14; leaving Washington, D. C., via Southern R.R. at 10:45, Saturday, September 14; arriving at Knoxville at 4:45 p. m., Sunday, September 15. Returning, same way via Southern R.R. and Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Round trip fare, \$18.85; sleeper, \$5 each way. For further information, and those wishing to secure tickets and sleeper berths in advance will address John V. B. Clarkson, 39 Broadway, New York city.

By order of

Official :  
 N. G. EHLE, Adjutant.

L. J. MACY, Commander.

## DIVISION QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1895.

Amount on hand at date of last report .....	\$ 663 27
Received since for per capita, charter fees, supplies and from all other sources .....	730 90
Total .....	\$1,394 17
Expended for Commandery-in-Chief, per capita tax this quarter, 2,818 members in good standing, at 4 cents each.....	\$ 112 72
Expended for Commandery-in-Chief, per capita tax this quarter, 52 members reinstated or not reporting last quarter; 38 at 4 cents, and 14 at 12 cents.....	3 20
Expended for incidental expenses of the Division, and supplies.....	655 16
Total.....	\$ 771 08
Balance on hand at date.....	\$ 623 09

## CONSOLIDATED CAMP REPORT.

### RECEIPTS.

On hand at date of last report according to reports of Quartermaster Sergeants.....	\$6,044 88
Reported to have been received by camps from all sources during the quarter .....	3,655 15
Total .....	\$9,700 03

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by camps for Division per capita tax this quarter, 2,818 members in good standing at 12½ cents each .....	\$ 352 25
Paid by camps, per capita tax on 52 members reinstated.....	10 00
Paid by camps for relief to members of the Order, or their families .....	224 73
Paid by camps for relief to all persons from camp funds.....	10 00
Paid by camps for incidental expenses .....	2,493 00
Total.....	\$3,089 98
Balance in hands of Camp Quartermasters .....	\$6,588 05

J. W. PARKHURST, Division Quartermaster.



## DIVISION ADJUTANT'S REPORT.

FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1895.

## RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

GAIN:	Camps	Members
Number in good standing at date of last report.....	130	3,307
Gained by organization and muster in.....	10	380
Gained by transfer .....		6
Gained by reinstatement .....		122
	140	3,815
 LOSS:		
By death.....		7
By honorable discharge.....		21
By transfer.....		20
By suspension.....		148
By dishonorable discharge.....		11
Total loss.....		207
Number in good standing.....	140	3,608
Number mustered during this quarter—[New camps only] .....	11	257
Number remaining in good standing upon whom per capita tax is due.....	129	3,351
Number reinstated in good standing upon which per capita tax is due for last quarter—[Camps 38, 115, 181, 228].....	4	83

NEWTON G. EHLE, Adjutant.

PULASKI, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1895.

## DIVISION ORDER No. 8.

I. General order No. 5, series of 1895, of the Commandery-in-chief is hereby promulgated. It did not reach these headquarters in time to be promulgated before your Commander started for the national Encampment at Knoxville, Tennessee.

II. The first and quartermaster sergeants' blanks for their reports for the quarter ending September 30th, 1895, have been forwarded to each captain, who will see that they are properly filled out, and, together with the per capita tax, forwarded to these headquarters not later than October 28th, as the Adjutant's books will close at that time and all delinquents reported suspended. The number of members that your camp reported last quarter is marked on the blanks with red ink, and in no instance must they be changed. If you made any mistake in your last report you will explain it on an extra sheet of paper.

III. A copy of the new inspection blank has been sent each captain in order that he might better comprehend just what will be expected of him and his camp. The Division Inspector is earnestly at work, and expects the hearty co-operation of every member of the Order to make this inspection complete in every respect. This inspection will be made between October 1st and December 1st, 1895.

IV. The following recommendation was offered by Surgeon-General Youngs, and unanimously approved, at Knoxville: No camp or delegate or captain shall have a seat or vote in a Division Encampment whose camp is in arrears for first and quartermaster sergeants', surgeon's or Chaplain's reports, or has not been inspected.

V. Application for camp charter has been received from Apalachin, Tioga Co., N. Y., and approved, and Captain G. H. Deyo, of Camp No. 164, commissioned to muster the new camp.

VI. Since the issue of Division order No. 7, through the efforts of the members of Camp No. 10, there has been organized at Riverhead what is known as the Ladies' Aid Society of O. O. Howard Camp, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Society No. 14. The society was mustered by Capt. F.

B. Halleck. Miss Alice Brown, president; Miss Anna L. Millard, vice-president; Mrs. N. T. Corwin, secretary; Mrs. Aggie Mosier, treasurer; Miss Lelia N. Terry, delegate. This is the first Ladies' Aid camp on Long Island. It is a self evident fact that where there is a Ladies' Aid camp or a Post of the W. R. C., you will always find a good healthy camp of Sons of Veterans.

VII. I have received the resignations of the following named officers and the election and installation of their successors have been ordered:

Captain J. F. Southmayde, Camp 7, New York city, on account of poor health.

Capt. W. T. Morton, Camp 68, change of residence.

O. P. Benson, First Lieutenant of Camp 109.

VIII. On July 30th, Geo. W. Mather Camp, No. 82, was organized at Boonville, N. Y., with 19 charter members; Jno. E. Mason, of Rome, mustering officer; captain, F. J. Wheelock; first lieutenant, Wm. S. Johnson; second lieutenant, W. T. Butts.

IX. The proceedings of the twelfth annual Encampment of the New York Division is now completed and ready for delivery. It is claimed to be the nicest and most complete copy yet issued, and contains half-tone cuts and sketches of last year's Division officers. The work has been published at quite an expense, yet will be sold for the small sum of 25 cents each or five for one dollar when ordered by one person. The cash must accompany the order. In ordering copies, use the enclosed blank.

By order of

Official :

L. J. MACY, Commander.

N. G. EHLE, Adjutant.

PULASKI, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1895.

#### DIVISION ORDER No. 9.

I. General Order No. 6 of the Commandery-in-chief is hereby promulgated. Particular attention is called to Sections 6, 7, 16, 17, 19, 20, in fact, would urge careful study of the whole Order, as it is filled with valuable information and should be read by all.

II. The following officers have been elected and installed as per orders from headquarters:

Oct. 10th, 1895, Theo. H. Roth, captain of Camp No. 68, Dolgeville, Herkimer county.

September 17th, Edward T. Quade, captain of Camp No. 7, New York city.

Michael Kenefic, of Albany, in the place of John Kenefic, whose office was declared vacant and commission revoked by his being suspended from his camp.

III. The following brothers have been appointed Aides-de-Camp on your Commander's staff with rank as second lieutenants. Their duties are to assist in encouraging old camps and build up the same, and assist in organizing new camps; keep The Patriot of New York city, and the G. A. R. Journal, of Gouverneur, posted in all Sons of Veterans and Ladies aid Society news, that will tend to build up and strengthen them. This is a partial list. There will be more published in the next Division order. These brothers have been selected for their zeal for the Order, and they will be respected in their official position:

S. E. McLuckey, No. 4.

F. H. Curtis, No. 62.

Richard L. Owen, No. 25.

Will Shaffer, No. 29.

N. M. Wilson, No. 8.

Howard Harflinger, No. 154.

Jas. T. Kavanagh, No. 203.

Gustave Seidenstock, No. 133.

C. H. Fenner, No. 48.

Geo. B. Wurster, No. 51.

Max L. Marsius, No. 102.	C. H. King, No. 45.
Thos. D. Rivers, No. 167.	J. G. Bogart, No. 88.
Fred R. Taber, No. 47.	Geo. B. Fish, No. 40.
Chas. A. Schenck, No. 166.	J. S. Rosa, No. 61.
Augustus VanSchoick, No. 52.	C. L. Drantz, No. 1.
C. B. Burch, No. 105.	C. A. Gwinup, No. 57.
Thos. F. Maxwell, No. 86.	W. D. Lowell, No. 186.
R. J. LaLone, No. 109.	

IV. Since the issue of Division order No. 8, application for a charter has been received and approved for a new camp at White Plains, and Captain Randolph White commissioned to muster new camp.

V. The first ten camps to report for the quarter ending September 30th, 1895, are as follows:

- Camp No. 10, Fred B. Hollock, captain.
- “ 225, R. C. Linsley, captain.
- “ 43, Louis C. Kieule, captain.
- “ 42, John H. Forcy, captain.
- “ 48, W. C. Wolcott, captain.
- “ 145, A. J. Kimble, captain.
- “ 69, Gustave Zimmerman, capt.
- “ 143, Jonas E. More, captain.
- “ 15, Geo. W. Clark, captain.
- “ 71, L. R. Failing, captain.

VI. We are almost daily in receipt of letters inquiring as to the standing of E. D. Baker Camp, No. 28, of New York city; also in regard to transfers issued by some members of said camp. For the information of the Order and to save valuable time, I would state that Camp No. 28 was suspended June 30th, 1895, for failure to forward per capita tax and quarterly reports. On April 1st, 1895, Captain Eben E. Acker forwarded his resignation to these headquarters, which was accepted. 1st Lieutenant Fred C. Green was placed in command and a dispensation granted him to proceed to elect and install a captain. That order, to my knowledge, has not been executed. It will be seen that Lieutenant Fred C. Green was the only one authorized to legally sign a transfer.

VII. Special mention will be made in each order of the largest camp, also the camp reporting the largest number of recruits.

VIII. In ordering supplies be sure to add the 25 per cent. and remit by New York draft, P. O. money order, or Express order. Do not send personal checks, as it costs 25 cents for collection.

IX. Permit me again to call your attention to ordering copies of the Syracuse Proceedings. Single copy, twenty-five cents, or five copies for one dollar, when mailed to one address postpaid, or one copy each of the 10th, 11th and 12th annual Encampments for sixty cents, prepaid. Copies of Davenport proceedings, ten cents each.

X. The heated season is past and every one is home from their vacation. Interest in the Order has already begun to increase. Cheering reports come from all quarters. Let everyone make an extra effort and help to place the Empire Division where it justly belongs. Send gleanings to the Patriot and G. A. R. Journal, the official organs of our Division. Be ready to lend a helping hand to the organizing of Ladies' Aid Camps. Permit me to thank these camps for their promptness in forwarding reports and in all business transactions with these headquarters.

By order of

L. J. MACY, Commander.

Official:

N. G. EHLE, Adjutant.



PULASKI, N. Y., Nov. 25, 1895.

## DIVISION ORDER, No. 10.

I. General Order No. 7, of the Commander-in-chief, is hereby promulgated. Special attention is called to Articles 1, 5, 6, 9. Would recommend a careful study of the entire order by all camp captains.

II. The following brothers have been added to the list of Aides-de-Camp on your Commander's staff with rank of 2nd lieutenants. Their duties are to assist in encouraging all camps; take an active part in organizing new camps where none exist; also keep *The Patriot*, of New York, and the *G. A. R. Journal*, of Gouverneur, posted in all news pertaining to our Order. I shall expect to hear from them often through the columns of these papers as well as by mail or personal visits to Division headquarters.

Benj. Teufel, No. 103.

J. M. Diven, No. 77.

John W. Corwin, No. 27.

E. J. Holly, No. 121.

C. F. Hildreth, No. 68.

F. J. Walsh, No. 220.

John C. G. Rennert, No. 20.

Joseph H. Wilton, No. 63.

Gustave Zimmerman, No. 69.

C. W. Rauch, No. 7.

Samuel M. Bower, No. 26.

Emery B. Nelson, No. 207.

W. C. Merrill, No. 66.

Edwin A. Bolton, No. 42.

W. A. Green, No. 16.

Wm. Britton, No. 10.

J. R. Gardner, No. 205.

L. J. Baldwin, No. 14.

Geo. E. Johnson, No. 163.

D. A. Fradenburg, No. 217.

Frank P. Connell, No. 21.

III. The proceedings of the New York Division from 1884 to 1891, inclusive, are bound in one book. Of these there are a few copies left. As the Order grows older these become more valuable. For the purpose of rewarding the camps that are working hard to advance the Order, it is thought best to make the following offer: To the camp reporting the largest number of recruits for the quarter ending December 30th, 1895, will be presented, prepaid, one copy of proceedings from 1884 to 1891, and one copy each of the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th annual Encampments that may be had at headquarters. A complete set will be sent prepaid to any one, on receipt of \$1.

IV. The members of the Daniel Stryker Camp, No. 54, of East Syracuse, have paid all their indebtedness to these headquarters and surrendered their charter. They have closed up their affairs in an honorable manner. Division transfers have been granted to the following members:

A. Robinson, James Webster, Louis LaBranch, Fayette Simmons, Orry R. Evans, Myron Dayharsh, L. A. Cole, L. R. Cole, Frank Otto, William Palmer.

This camp consisted largely of railroad men and their business necessitated moving from town, which will explain the action of the camp.

V. *The Patriot*, of New York; and the *G. A. R. Journal*, of Gouverneur, are the only recognized official organs of our Division. All articles pertaining to the good of the Order will be published free of charge. The yearly subscription of either of these papers has been placed at the nominal sum of only \$1 in advance. A copy of one or both of these papers should be read by every member of our Order. Each camp, at least, should have a copy. Subscriptions can be made direct or can be sent to this office and will receive prompt attention.

VI. The following camps have failed to forward their reports for the quarters ending June 30th and September 30th, 1895: Nos. 11, 13, 24, 33, 62, 70, 76, 94, 110, 158, 173, 175, 195, 203, 210, 234, 307.



VII. The following camps have failed to report for the quarter ending September 30th, 1895, and stand suspended at these headquarters: No. 1, Albany, Nos. 5, 19, 30, 33, 37, 49.

VIII. Captain Randolph White, of Philip Schuyler Camp, No. 163, has been appointed sergeant major, with rank as second lieutenant from November 1st, 1895. He will be respected accordingly in his official position.

IX. The necessary blanks and envelopes for camp captains' surgeons' reports are herewith enclosed and each captain will see that they are properly filled out and forwarded to the Division Surgeon, Ira A. Allen, M. D., No. 360 West 42nd St., New York city, before December 30th, 1895.

X. Since the issue of Division order No. 9, an application has been received and approved for a new camp at Herkimer, and Division Chaplain W. C. Gray commissioned to muster the same.

XI. The following officers have been elected and installed to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of the officers of J. W. Vrooman Camp, No. 68, of Dolgeville: Captain, Eli Mosher; 1st lieutenant, Chas. Mosher; 2nd lieutenant, Wm. Tompkins.

XII. This Order should and would have been issued before this time but has been held for the arrival of General order No. 7, of the Commander-in-chief, which was dated November 15th, of which only one copy has as yet reached this office.

XIII. All camps desiring a dispensation to hold a public installation are requested to make application to this office as early as possible and a dispensation will be granted if thought expedient, as I believe that public or union installation with the G. A. R., W. R. C. and Ladies' Aid are instrumental of great good to each of these Orders.

XIV. Captains will cause to be reported to these headquarters the election of their camp officers promptly; also select an installing officer; also give his name and postoffice address and number of camp, that commission can be promptly issued to him, and in addressing these headquarters be sure to give name and number of your camp.

XV. W. H. Bright Camp, No. 47, of Rome, has changed its time of meeting from Wednesday night to Thursday night of each week. W. B. Tibbitts Camp, No. 86, of Troy, has changed its time of meeting to first and second Wednesdays.

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Lieut. Dell Simons, Camp 54.

Lieut. W. H. Betts, Camp 54.

Lieut. J. P. Mendell, Camp 20.

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VI. The name of Capt. Hira Derby Camp, No. 142, located at De Grass, St. Lawrence county, has been changed to Col. W. B. Goodrich and approved by your Commander.

VII. There will be no charters or dispensations granted from these headquarters from September 13 to 25, as your Commander will be in attendance at the national Encampment. All requisitions will be promptly filled by the Division Quartermaster.

VIII. The proceedings of the twelfth annual Encampment are now in the hands of the printer, and will soon be completed. It is expected that they will be the finest yet made, and each captain will please ascertain how many his camp will want, and send in his order early.

IX. The time is drawing near for the annual inspection of each camp. It is the desire of your Commander and Inspector that this Division furnish the Inspector General the most complete report ever forwarded.

X. At this time I wish to call the attention of all to the necessity of forwarding the 25-cent commission fee with the installing officer's report on all occasions, as no commission will be issued or officer recognized until it is paid.

XI. Charles Personius Camp, No. 101, of Brockton, has surrendered its charter and the following members have been granted Division transfers: Capt. F. G. Ault, D. F. Roe, C. R. Holcott, Esta Landon, Geo. H. Ault, Jas. A. Turk, C. H. Woodhull, Arthur Seman, Geo. F. Roe, Chas. R. Reed.

XII. There are several camps that are over a year in arrears at these headquarters, who could not be prevailed upon to pay up their indebtedness and close their affairs honorably, hence their charters have been revoked:

9, H. M. Kirley, Lowville.

44, Judson Field, Canastota.

46, C. D. Godfrey, Pullney.

87, Ft. Ticonderoga, Ticonderoga.

100, A. Lincoln, Andover.

114, Louis Ross, Nyack.

131, Lennox, North Collins.

155, John Rains, Shortsville.

188, Stembro, Springville.

189, J. S. Clark, Cleveland.



- 190, Fred Englehart, St. Johnsville.  
 206, Maple City, Ogdensburg.  
 208, E. F. Jones, Glens Falls.  
 216, W. S. Parks, Camden.  
 226, D. W. Harrington, Castile.  
 231, Captain Warner, Portville.  
 232, C. D. Baumont, Wellsborough.  
 235, McPherson, Avon.  
 137, Thos. Grant, Mansfield.  
 2, D. B. White, Carthage.

XIII. Reports for the quarter ending June 30 have not been received from Camps 25, 28, 62 and 72. The semi-annual pass word and countersign will not be sent to the captains of these camps until correct reports are received and all taxes paid. Attend to this at once and save your camps from suspension.

XIV. Arrangements have been perfected with the Southern Railway Company to carry the New York delegation to the national Encampment at Knoxville, leaving New York city, via Baltimore & Ohio R.R. at 3:30 p. m., Saturday, September 14; leaving Washington, D. C., via Southern R.R. at 10:45, Saturday, September 14; arriving at Knoxville at 4:45 p. m., Sunday, September 15. Returning, same way via Southern R.R. and Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Round trip fare, \$18.85; sleeper, \$5 each way. For further information, and those wishing to secure tickets and sleeper berths in advance will address John V. B. Clarkson, 39 Broadway, New York city.

By order of

Official :  
 N. G. EHLE, Adjutant.

L. J. MACY, Commander.

### DIVISION QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1895.

Amount on hand at date of last report.....	\$ 663 27
Received since for per capita, charter fees, supplies and from all other sources.....	730 90
Total.....	\$1,394 17
Expended for Commandery-in-Chief, per capita tax this quarter, 2,818 members in good standing, at 4 cents each.....	\$ 112 72
Expended for Commandery-in-Chief, per capita tax this quarter, 52 members reinstated or not reporting last quarter; 38 at 4 cents, and 14 at 12 cents.....	3 20
Expended for incidental expenses of the Division, and supplies.....	655 16
Total.....	\$ 751 08
Balance on hand at date.....	\$ 643 09

### CONSOLIDATED CAMP REPORT.

#### RECEIPTS.

On hand at date of last report according to reports of Quartermaster Sergeants.....	\$6,044 88
Reported to have been received by camps from all sources during the quarter.....	3,633 15
Total.....	\$9,678 03

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by camps for Division per capita tax this quarter, 2,818 members in good standing at 12½ cents each.....	\$ 352 25
Paid by camps, per capita tax on 52 members reinstated.....	10 00
Paid by camps for relief to members of the Order, or their families.....	224 73
Paid by camps for relief to all persons from camp funds.....	10 00
Paid by camps for incidental expenses.....	2,493 00
Total.....	\$3,089 98
Balance in hands of Camp Quartermasters.....	\$6,588 05

J. W. PARKHURST, Division Quartermaster.

## DIVISION ADJUTANT'S REPORT.

FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1895.

## RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

GAIN:	Camps	Members
Number in good standing at date of last report.....	130	3,307
Gained by organization and muster in.....	10	380
Gained by transfer.....		6
Gained by reinstatement.....		122
	140	3,815
 Loss:		
By death.....		7
By honorable discharge.....		21
By transfer.....		20
By suspension.....		148
By dishonorable discharge.....		11
Total loss.....		207
Number in good standing.....	140	3,608
Number mustered during this quarter—[New camps only].....	11	257
Number remaining in good standing upon whom per capita tax is due.....	129	3,351
Number reinstated in good standing upon which per capita tax is due for last quarter—[Camps 38, 115, 181, 228].....	4	83

NEWTON G. EHLE, Adjutant.

PULASKI, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1895.

## DIVISION ORDER No. 8.

I. General order No. 5, series of 1895, of the Commandery-in-chief is hereby promulgated. It did not reach these headquarters in time to be promulgated before your Commander started for the national Encampment at Knoxville, Tennessee.

II. The first and quartermaster sergeants' blanks for their reports for the quarter ending September 30th, 1895, have been forwarded to each captain, who will see that they are properly filled out, and, together with the per capita tax, forwarded to these headquarters not later than October 28th, as the Adjutant's books will close at that time and all delinquents reported suspended. The number of members that your camp reported last quarter is marked on the blanks with red ink, and in no instance must they be changed. If you made any mistake in your last report you will explain it on an extra sheet of paper.

III. A copy of the new inspection blank has been sent each captain in order that he might better comprehend just what will be expected of him and his camp. The Division Inspector is earnestly at work, and expects the hearty co-operation of every member of the Order to make this inspection complete in every respect. This inspection will be made between October 1st and December 1st, 1895.

IV. The following recommendation was offered by Surgeon-General Youngs, and unanimously approved, at Knoxville: No camp or delegate or captain shall have a seat or vote in a Division Encampment whose camp is in arrears for first and quartermaster sergeants', surgeon's or Chaplain's reports, or has not been inspected.

V. Application for camp charter has been received from Apalachin, Tioga Co., N. Y., and approved, and Captain G. H. Deyo, of Camp No. 164, commissioned to muster the new camp.

VI. Since the issue of Division order No. 7, through the efforts of the members of Camp No. 10, there has been organized at Riverhead what is known as the Ladies' Aid Society of O. O. Howard Camp, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Society No. 14. The society was mustered by Capt. F.

B. Halleck. Miss Alice Brown, president; Miss Anna L. Millard, vice-president; Mrs. N. T. Corwin, secretary; Mrs. Aggie Mosier, treasurer; Miss Lelia N. Terry, delegate. This is the first Ladies' Aid camp on Long Island. It is a self evident fact that where there is a Ladies' Aid camp or a Post of the W. R. C., you will always find a good healthy camp of Sons of Veterans.

VII. I have received the resignations of the following named officers and the election and installation of their successors have been ordered:

Captain J. F. Southmayde, Camp 7, New York city, on account of poor health.

Capt. W. T. Morton, Camp 68, change of residence.

O. P. Benson, First Lieutenant of Camp 109.

VIII. On July 30th, Geo. W. Mather Camp, No. 82, was organized at Boonville, N. Y., with 19 charter members; Jno. E. Mason, of Rome, mustering officer; captain, F. J. Wheelock; first lieutenant, Wm. S. Johnson; second lieutenant, W. T. Butts.

IX. The proceedings of the twelfth annual Encampment of the New York Division is now completed and ready for delivery. It is claimed to be the nicest and most complete copy yet issued, and contains half-tone cuts and sketches of last year's Division officers. The work has been published at quite an expense, yet will be sold for the small sum of 25 cents each or five for one dollar when ordered by one person. The cash must accompany the order. In ordering copies, use the enclosed blank.

By order of

Official:

N. G. EHLE, Adjutant.

L. J. MACY, Commander.

PULASKI, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1895.

DIVISION ORDER No. 9.

I. General Order No. 6 of the Commandery-in-chief is hereby promulgated. Particular attention is called to Sections 6, 7, 16, 17, 19, 20, in fact, would urge careful study of the whole Order, as it is filled with valuable information and should be read by all.

II. The following officers have been elected and installed as per orders from headquarters:

Oct. 10th, 1895, Theo. H. Roth, captain of Camp No. 68, Dolgeville, Herkimer county.

September 17th, Edward T. Quade, captain of Camp No. 7, New York city.

Michael Kenefic, of Albany, in the place of John Kenefic, whose office was declared vacant and commission revoked by his being suspended from his camp.

III. The following brothers have been appointed Aides-de-Camp on your Commander's staff with rank as second lieutenants. Their duties are to assist in encouraging old camps and build up the same, and assist in organizing new camps; keep The Patriot of New York city, and the G. A. R. Journal, of Gouverneur, posted in all Sons of Veterans and Ladies aid Society news, that will tend to build up and strengthen them. This is a partial list. There will be more published in the next Division order. These brothers have been selected for their zeal for the Order, and they will be respected in their official position:

S. B. McLuckey, No. 4.

F. H. Curtis, No. 62.

Richard L. Owen, No. 25.

Will Shaffer, No. 29.

N. M. Wilson, No. 8.

Howard Harflinger, No. 154.

Jas. T. Kavanagh, No. 203.

Gustave Seidenstock, No. 133.

C. H. Fenner, No. 48.

Geo. B. Wurster, No. 51.



Max L. Marsius, No. 102.	C. H. King, No. 45.
Thos. D. Rivers, No. 167.	J. G. Bogart, No. 88.
Fred R. Taber, No. 47.	Geo. B. Fish, No. 40.
Chas. A. Schenck, No. 166.	J. S. Rosa, No. 61.
Augustus VanSchoick, No. 52.	C. L. Drantz, No. 1.
C. B. Burch, No. 105.	C. A. Gwinup, No. 57.
Thos. F. Maxwell, No. 86.	W. D. Lowell, No. 186.
R. J. LaLone, No. 109.	

IV. Since the issue of Division order No. 8, application for a charter has been received and approved for a new camp at White Plains, and Captain Randolph White commissioned to muster new camp.

V. The first ten camps to report for the quarter ending September 30th, 1895, are as follows:

- Camp No. 10, Fred B. Hollock, captain.
- “ 225, R. C. Linsley, captain.
- “ 43, Louis C. Kieule, captain.
- “ 42, John H. Forey, captain.
- “ 48, W. C. Wolcott, captain.
- “ 145, A. J. Kimble, captain.
- “ 69, Gustave Zimmerman, capt.
- “ 143, Jonas E. More, captain.
- “ 15, Geo. W. Clark, captain.
- “ 71, L. R. Failing, captain.

VI. We are almost daily in receipt of letters inquiring as to the standing of E. D. Baker Camp, No. 28, of New York city; also in regard to transfers issued by some members of said camp. For the information of the Order and to save valuable time, I would state that Camp No. 28 was suspended June 30th, 1895, for failure to forward per capita tax and quarterly reports. On April 1st, 1895, Captain Eben E. Acker forwarded his resignation to these headquarters, which was accepted. 1st Lieutenant Fred C. Green was placed in command and a dispensation granted him to proceed to elect and install a captain. That order, to my knowledge, has not been executed. It will be seen that Lieutenant Fred C. Green was the only one authorized to legally sign a transfer.

VII. Special mention will be made in each order of the largest camp, also the camp reporting the largest number of recruits.

VIII. In ordering supplies be sure to add the 25 per cent. and remit by New York draft, P. O. money order, or Express order. Do not send personal checks, as it costs 25 cents for collection.

IX. Permit me again to call your attention to ordering copies of the Syracuse Proceedings. Single copy, twenty-five cents, or five copies for one dollar, when mailed to one address postpaid, or one copy each of the 10th, 11th and 12th annual Encampments for sixty cents, prepaid. Copies of Davenport proceedings, ten cents each.

X. The heated season is past and every one is home from their vacation. Interest in the Order has already begun to increase. Cheering reports come from all quarters. Let everyone make an extra effort and help to place the Empire Division where it justly belongs. Send gleanings to the Patriot and G. A. R. Journal, the official organs of our Division. Be ready to lend a helping hand to the organizing of Ladies' Aid Camps. Permit me to thank these camps for their promptness in forwarding reports and in all business transactions with these headquarters.

By order of

L. J. MACY, Commander.

Official:

N. G. EHLE, Adjutant.

PULASKI, N. Y., Nov. 25, 1895.

DIVISION ORDER, No. 10.

I. General Order No. 7, of the Commander-in-chief, is hereby promulgated. Special attention is called to Articles 1, 5, 6, 9. Would recommend a careful study of the entire order by all camp captains.

II. The following brothers have been added to the list of Aides-de-Camp on your Commander's staff with rank of 2d lieutenants. Their duties are to assist in encouraging all camps; take an active part in organizing new camps where none exist; also keep *The Patriot*, of New York, and the *G. A. R. Journal*, of Gouverneur, posted in all news pertaining to our Order. I shall expect to hear from them often through the columns of these papers as well as by mail or personal visits to Division headquarters.

Benj. Teufel, No. 103.  
 J. M. Diven, No. 77.  
 John W. Corwin, No. 27.  
 E. J. Holly, No. 121.  
 C. F. Hildreth, No. 68.  
 F. J. Walsh, No. 220.  
 John C. G. Rennert, No. 20.  
 Joseph H. Wilton, No. 63.  
 Gustave Zimmerman, No. 69.  
 C. W. Rauch, No. 7.  
 Samuel M. Bower, No. 26.

Emery B. Nelson, No. 207.  
 W. C. Merrill, No. 66.  
 Edwin A. Bolton, No. 42.  
 W. A. Green, No. 16.  
 Wm. Britton, No. 10.  
 J. R. Gardner, No. 205.  
 L. J. Baldwin, No. 14.  
 Geo. E. Johnson, No. 163.  
 D. A. Fradenburg, No. 217.  
 Frank P. Connell, No. 21.

III. The proceedings of the New York Division from 1884 to 1891, inclusive, are bound in one book. Of these there are a few copies left. As the Order grows older these become more valuable. For the purpose of rewarding the camps that are working hard to advance the Order, it is thought best to make the following offer: To the camp reporting the largest number of recruits for the quarter ending December 30th, 1895, will be presented, prepaid, one copy of proceedings from 1884 to 1891, and one copy each of the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th annual Encampments that may be had at headquarters. A complete set will be sent prepaid to any one, on receipt of \$1.

IV. The members of the Daniel Stryker Camp, No. 54, of East Syracuse, have paid all their indebtedness to these headquarters and surrendered their charter. They have closed up their affairs in an honorable manner. Division transfers have been granted to the following members:

A. Robinson, James Webster, Louis LaBranch, Fayette Simmons, Orry R. Evans, Myron Dayharsh, L. A. Cole, L. R. Cole, Frank Otto, William Palmer.

This camp consisted largely of railroad men and their business necessitated moving from town, which will explain the action of the camp.

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VI. The following camps have failed to forward their reports for the quarters ending June 30th and September 30th, 1895: Nos. 11, 13, 24, 33, 62, 70, 76, 94, 110, 158, 173, 175, 195, 203, 210, 234, 307.

VII. The following camps have failed to report for the quarter ending September 30th, 1895, and stand suspended at these headquarters: No. 1, Albany, Nos. 5, 19, 30, 33, 37, 49.

VIII. Captain Randolph White, of Philip Schnyler Camp, No. 163, has been appointed sergeant major, with rank as second lieutenant from November 1st, 1895. He will be respected accordingly in his official position.

IX. The necessary blanks and envelopes for camp captains' surgeons' reports are herewith enclosed and each captain will see that they are properly filled out and forwarded to the Division Surgeon, Ira A. Allen, M. D., No. 360 West 42nd St., New York city, before December 30th, 1895.

X. Since the issue of Division order No. 9, an application has been received and approved for a new camp at Herkimer, and Division Chaplain W. C. Gray commissioned to muster the same.

XI. The following officers have been elected and installed to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of the officers of J. W. Vrooman Camp, No. 68, of Dolgeville: Captain, Eli Mosher; 1st lieutenant, Chas. Mosher; 2nd lieutenant, Wm. Tompkins.

XII. This Order should and would have been issued before this time but has been held for the arrival of General order No. 7, of the Commander-in-chief, which was dated November 15th, of which only one copy has as yet reached this office.

XIII. All camps desiring a dispensation to hold a public installation are requested to make application to this office as early as possible and a dispensation will be granted if thought expedient, as I believe that public or union installation with the G. A. R., W. R. C. and Ladies' Aid are instrumental of great good to each of these Orders.

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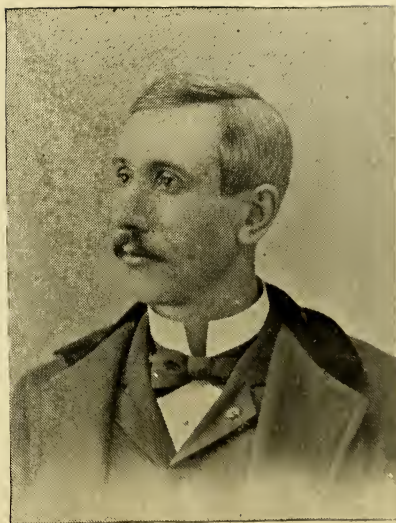
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VI. W. B. Goodrich Camp, No. 9, of Potsdam, Capt. R. J. LaLone, in the report of December 31st, 1895, states a gain of eight new recruits mustered in last quarter and will receive, prepaid, the Sons of Veterans library offered in Division order No. 10, '95, Art. III. E. K. Burnham Camp No. 14, of Newark, Wayne county, [Chas. E. Seider, capt.] shows a gain by reinstatement of eight members and will receive a set of S. of V. proceedings, prepaid.

VII. The following new camps have been mustered: On October 22, '95, John P. Jenkins Camp, No. 79, of White Plains, Westchester county,



**B. G. SEAMANS, Past Division Adjutant.**

(For Biography see page 109).





with twenty-four charter members; Randolph White, mustering officer; captain, C. N. Smith; 1st Lieut., John Snedeker; 2nd Lieut., Chas. Cooley.

November 16, '95, Apalachin Camp, No. 89, Apalachin, Tioga county, with twenty-four charter members; G. F. Deyo, mustering officer; captain, Willis E. Tracy; 1st lieutenant, Chas. Barts; 2nd lieutenant, S. W. Gibson.

December 5, 1895, Warner Miller Camp, No. 90, of Herkimer, Herkimer county, with sixteen charter members; Division Chaplain W. C. Gray, mustering officer; captain, Max Miller; 1st lieutenant, Thos. Allen; 2nd lieutenant, Frank Jacques.

December 26, '95, D. S. Decker Camp, No. 9, of Gloversville, Fulton county, with thirty-two charter members; Howard Harflinger, mustering officer; captain, H. H. Parker; 1st lieutenant, DeWitt DeForest; 2nd lieutenant, W. S. Simmons.

December 30, '95, Charles H. Burtiss Camp, No. 101, of Brooklyn, N. Y., with twenty-three charter members; mustered by Division Mustering Officer Frank K. Maples, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; captain, Albert E. Brown; first lieutenant, Geo. C. Pinckney; second lieutenant, W. H. Hyatt.

VIII. The name of Camp No. 12 has been changed from T. J. Reed to J. T. Watkins.

The name of Camp No. 135 has been changed from Mansfield to Geo. G. Libbey.

The name of Camp No. 207 has been changed from J. I. VanDoren to Chas. B. Scriber.

IX. Permit me to again call the attention of all to the importance of putting the name and number of camp on all communications. We can then readily locate you. Be sure to write plainly and spell all names correctly.

X. The following camps that were reported suspended in Division order No. 10, November 25, '95, have paid up their indebtedness and have been reinstated: Nos. 62, 94, 158, 203, 5.

XI. The following camps have paid all indebtedness to January 1st, 1896, and have been reorganized: Judson Field Camp, No. 44, of Canastota, Madison county; J. J. Tisse Camp, No. 73, of New Bremen, Lewis county.

XII. The following brothers have been added to the list of Aides-de-Camp: Jonas E. More, Walton Camp, 143; S. E. Smith, Dobbs Ferry Camp, 41; E. H. Miller, Rochester, No. 66; J. D. Hope, Watkins Camp, 67.

These brothers, as well as those previously appointed, are expected to make a report of all visits and work for the Order at least once a month to these headquarters; also report anything of interest to the good and welfare of the Order, to the G. A. R. Journal at Gouverneur, and The Patriot, of Station D, P. O. building, 25-27 3rd avenue, room 132, New York city. All such information will be published free of charge.

XIII. Captains who have not forwarded their reports to Division Surgeon will do so at once. These reports, as well as Inspection reports, must be filed to entitle you to a seat or vote in the Division Encampment. Captains whose camps are in arrears for the per capita tax and quarterly reports will forward the same at once, and save your camps from suspension.

By order of

Official:

B. G. SEAMANS, Adjutant.

L. J. MACY, Commander,

PULASKI, N. Y., February 17, 1896.

DIVISION ORDER No. 2, Series of 1896.

I. General order No. 1, series of 1896, of the Commander-in-chief is hereby promulgated. Special attention is called to article 7 and article 11, also to the Adjutant General's consolidated report. I would urge a careful study of the entire order, as it contains valuable information.

II. Since the issue of order number 1, application for charters have been received from the following named places: Jamaica, L. I., F. K. Maples, mustering officer; Ovid, Seneca county, Major Charles D. Higgins, assistant mustering officer.

The mustering officers' reports from the above named camps have not been received at these headquarters.

III. The following named camps have paid all their indebtedness, and have been reinstated: Nos. 307, 5, 44, 62, 73, 80, 158, 195, 203, and are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the order.

IV. The time for holding the next Encampment has not yet been agreed upon, but will be by the time the next Division order is issued.

The citizens and local camp at Plattsburg are putting forth every effort to make this the largest and most successful Encampment ever held by the New York Division. Eleven hundred dollars have already been raised. Every camp should begin at once to get ready to attend. Order your badges and supplies early from Division headquarters, using the new requisition blanks, which contain the net prices.

V. Camps whose installing officers' reports and commission fees have not been forwarded to Division headquarters should be sent in at once. No camp that is in arrears for dues of officers' commission fees, surgeon's or inspector's reports will be allowed representation or vote at the Encampment, and are not in good standing.

VI. James W. Wadsworth Camp, No. 227, of Geneseo, Livingston county, has surrendered its charter and paid up all its indebtedness to headquarters. It has settled up its affairs in an honorable manner, and Division transfers have been granted to all the members in good standing.

VII. Since the Syracuse Encampment in July last, there have been about forty-nine Aides-de-camp appointed, whose duties are to assist in the organizing of new camps, and in building up the Order in general.

To most of these officers the instruction was given that they would be expected to furnish at least one new camp to the Order; also that they were to make a report to headquarters at least once a month.

About three per cent. have made a report.

By looking at the Adjutant General's consolidated report for the quarter ending September 30, 1895, you will note a gain in membership of 131 members.

Note that the New York Division ranks third in membership. I would ask every member to lend a helping hand and that every officer make a special effort to help place the Empire Division in the front rank by May 1st. This means hard, earnest work.

The necessary papers and circular letters will be furnished to assist in organizing new camps.

Let me hear from you at once.

Thanking you for your loyal support,

I am, most fraternally,

Official:

L. J. MACY, Commander.

B. G. SEAMANS, Adjutant.

## DIVISION QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1895.

Amount on hand at date of last report.....	\$ 518 59
Received since for per capita, charter fees, supplies and from all other sources.....	476 73
Total.....	\$ 995 32
Expended for Commandery-in-Chief, per capita tax this quarter, 3,065 members in good standing, at 4 cents each.....	\$ 112 60
Expended for Commandery-in-Chief, per capita tax this quarter, 139 members reinstated or not reporting last quarter.....	5 56
Expended for incidental expenses of the Division, and supplies.....	500 64
Total.....	\$ 628 80
Balance on hand at date.....	\$ 366 52

## CONSOLIDATED CAMP REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

On hand at date of last report according to reports of Quartermaster Sergts.....	\$4,730 68
Reported to have been received by camps from all sources during the quarter.....	2,369 75
Total.....	\$7,100 43

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by camps for Division per capita tax this quarter, 3,065 members in good standing at 12½ cents each.....	\$ 383 12
Paid by camps, per capita tax on 139 members reinstated.....	17 38
Paid by camps for relief to members of the Order or their families.....	142 07
Paid by camps for relief to all persons from camp funds.....	58 29
Paid by camps for incidental expenses.....	144 46
Total.....	\$1,745 32
Balance in hands of Camp Quartermasters.....	\$5,355 11

J. W. PARKHURST, Division Quartermaster.

## DIVISION ADJUTANT'S REPORT.

FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1895.

## RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

GAIN:	Camps	Members
Number in good standing at date of last report.....	110	2,940
Gained by organization and muster in.....	4	193
Gained by transfer.....		3
Gained by reinstatement.....		327
	128	3,472
LOSS:		
By death.....		3
By honorable discharge.....		15
By transfer.....		6
By suspension.....		332
By dishonorable discharge.....		26
Total loss.....		402
Number in good standing.....	119	3,070
Number mustered during this quarter—[New camps only].....	3	64
Number remaining in good standing upon whom per capita tax is due.....	116	3,006
Number reinstated in good standing upon which per capita tax is due for last quarter.....	14	327

BYRON G. SEAMANS, Adjutant.

PULASKI, N. Y., March 26, 1896.

## DIVISION ORDER No. 3, Series of 1896.

I. Since the issue of Division order No. 2, application for charters have been received and approved from the following named places: Rochester, N. Y., E. H. Miller, mustering officer; Lodi, Seneca county, N. Y., Major C. D. Higgins, mustering officer; Newburg, N. Y., E. S. Miller, mustering officer.

II. An application for charter has been received from O. Rorke G. A. R. post No. 1, of Rochester, through Past Commander J. H. Chatfield.



The new camp is to be known as O. Rorke Camp, No. 60. Said camp has mustered fifty-seven recruits. The charter list will be held open until April 20th, at which time it is expected the new camp will number at least one hundred members.

III. Since the issue of the last Division order, the following camps have been mustered into the Order:

Alfred M. Wood Camp, No. 33, Jamaica, L. I., with twenty-four charter members; Frank K. Maples, Division mustering officer, officiating; captain, G. L. Adams; 1st lieutenant, C. J. Grill; 2nd lieutenant, Albert Wilkins.

David C. Caywood Camp, No. 122, of Ovid, Seneca county, Major C. D. Higgins, mustering officer; with twenty-one charter members; captain, Abram Finnegan; 1st lieutenant, L. J. Kendall; 2nd lieutenant James Keenan.

Col. Garret Nevins Camp, No. 123, of Lodi, Seneca county, N. Y.; Major C. D. Higgins, mustering officer; with twenty-two charter members; captain, W. C. Ellis; 1st lieutenant, J. M. Burdin; 2nd lieutenant, Chas. Close.

Col. W. D. Dickey Camp, No. 106, Newburg, Orange county, N. Y.; E. S. Merrill, of Middletown, N. Y., mustering officer; with twenty-nine charter members; captain, W. G. Thorp; 1st lieutenant, H. M. Avery; 2nd lieutenant, T. R. Hyde.

IV. A. S. Williams Camp, No. 103, has changed its time of meeting to the first and third Fridays, and the place of meeting to 360 West 41st street, New York city; captain, Benjamin Teufel, 441 Eleventh avenue, New York city.

V. U. S. Grant Camp, No. 107, of Southold, N. Y., has changed its time of meeting to the second and fourth Fridays of each month; W. H. VanNostrand, captain.

VI. The thirteenth annual Encampment of the New York Division will be held in the city of Plattsburg, Clinton county, N. Y., June 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1896. The local camp, the G. A. R., the Ladies' Aid and the W. R. C. and citizens' committee will leave nothing undone to make this one of the very pleasantest Encampments ever held. General Russell and his staff are expected to be present.

VII. Ellsworth Camp, No. 60, of Hunter, N. Y., has paid all its indebtedness to the Division, surrendered its charter and closed up its affairs in an honorable manner.

Division transfers have been granted to the following brothers:

Jacob L. Keller, John C. Keller, jr., E. E. Matthews, Geo. H. Matthews, William Hylan, William Riley, John W. Stoty, Wm. Murphy, Frederick Wiltse, Clarence B. Wiltse, Chas. Goodrich, Earnest P. Graham, A. Noble Graham, J. H. Delong.

VIII. The camps that have not reported to the Division Surgeon or to the Division Inspector, or have not elected and installed their officers will attend to it at once. Your past officers or camp will not be allowed representation in the Division Encampment until these reports are received.

IX. Blanks for the second quarterly report have been sent to every camp. Captains will see that they are properly filled out and together with the per capita tax forwarded to headquarters. I shall expect that every camp will show a gain in membership.

X. I am informed by Adjutant-General Borin that the December report places the New York Division second in the list of Divisions. This is very gratifying. This result has been brought about by hard, energetic work of the Division officers.

I now appeal to every Son of a Veteran to lend a helping hand and assist in placing the Empire Division on top. We shall need one thousand recruits to assist in bringing about the above results. The sum of \$10 will be paid to the person securing a charter list of at least fifteen members, and \$20 for a camp of one hundred charter members, to be paid when the charter fee and officers' commission fees and mustering officer's report have been received and approved at these headquarters, providing the Division is put to no further expense in mustering the new camp. This offer holds good until June 1st, 1896.

Charter application blanks, also circular letters, will be furnished from these headquarters, on application.

By order of

Official :

L. J. MACY, Commander.

B. G. SEAMANS, Adjutant.

PULASKI, N. Y., April 20, 1895.

**DIVISION ORDER No. 4.**

I. General Order No. 2, Series of 1896 of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby promulgated and special attention is called to Sections I, V, VII. In fact would advise a careful study of the whole Order.

II. Enclosed herewith will be found blanks for camp chaplain's report. Each captain will see that his chaplain fills out their report immediately after Decoration Day, and that they are forwarded to Division Chaplain W. C. Gray, 105 Howard Avenue, Utica, N. Y.

III. Since the issue of Division order No. 3, the following camps have been mustered.

O. Rorke Camp No. 60, of Rochester, with one hundred and five charter members. Captain, N. P. Fredericks, 175 Childs street; 1st Lieut., Frank E. Bennett; 2nd Lieut., Geo. M. Fleming; Aide-de-Camp E. H. Miller, 15 Wilkins street, Rochester, assistant mustering officer. The organization was completed April 20th.

On April 24th, Campbell Camp No. 54, of Central Square, Oswego county, with twenty-six charter members. Captain, John Campbell; 1st Lieut., Clayton A. Bates; 2nd Lieut., Meelzar B. Veeder. Division Quartermaster J. W. Parkhurst acting as assistant mustering officer, assisted by Division Adjutant B. G. Seamans, Aide-de-Camp C. B. Burch and Lieutenant Calkins, of Camp No. 105.

The charter lists of these camps were secured by the local G. A. R. Posts of these respective cities. This shows what the G. A. R. can do for our order by lending a helping hand. Especial credit is due Past Commander J. H. Chatfield, of Post O. Rorke, No. 1, of Rochester, for his untiring efforts in bringing into existence new Camp No. 60, which so far, is the largest charter list of any camp ever mustered into this Division.

IV. The resignations of Capt. Roscoe L. Whitman and 2nd Lieut. W. Fenton Myers, of Cross Camp No. 154, of Amsterdam, have been received at this office and accepted, and the election and installation of their successors ordered.

V. Lieut. G. H. Perry, of Camp W. B. Goodrich, No. 109, has been elected and installed captain in place of E. G. Flint, whose resignation has been received and accepted at this office.

VI. Col. W. D. Dickey Camp, No. 106, of Newburg, has changed its time of meeting to Tuesday night of each week, and the place of meeting to No. 80, Nolton street, Newburg, N. Y.

VII. The proceedings of the fourteenth annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., have been received

and one copy, together with a copy of the proceedings of the twelfth annual Encampment of the New York Division have been mailed to the captain of each camp in good standing in this Division. These books are the property of the camp and not the captain. Captains will acknowledge receipt of same. Extra copies may be had from this office upon receipt of 30 cents, for the two books.

VIII. The following camps have failed to forward their installing officer's report or pay their per capita tax to these headquarters for over one year. Their charters have been revoked and the same has been approved by our commander-in-chief:

D. B. White Camp, No. 2; W. S. Parks Camp, No. 216; H. M. Kirley Camp, No. 9; Col. E. D. Baker Camp, No. 28; also Nos. 46, 87, 100, 114, 131, 155, 188, 189, 190, 206, 208, 226, 232, 235 and 137.

IX. A new roster is about to be printed. The following camps have failed to forward their installing officer's report and pay their officer's commission fee. If not received at this office by May 5th the names of their last year's captains will appear. Said camps are liable to be denied representation at the Division Encampment:

Nos. 1 Townsend, 7, 13, 17, 30, 43, 49, 52, 65, 70, 75, 130, 145, 147, 158, 165, 166, 181, 186, 195, 203, 307.

X. Capt. Geo. B. Fish, of Ithaca, Tompkins county, desires to obtain copies of the proceedings of the 4th and 6th annual Encampments of the Commandery-in-chief, and offers \$1 each for the same.

XI. I again take the opportunity to announce that the 13th annual Encampment of the New York Division, S. of V., will be held in the city of Plattsburg, June 23, 24 and 25, 1896. Arrangements are being made for reduced rates on all railroads, which will be announced in my next order.

XII. The time is drawing near for the next Encampment, and camps needing supplies should order them early, as the books of the Division will close June 17th. No requisitions for supplies will be filled after that time. Please use the new requisition blanks in ordering supplies.

XIII. Article X in Division Order No. 3, should read "3d" in the list of Division orders, instead of 2d. This mistake was made by Adjutant General Borin, instead of your commander.

XIV. As Memorial day draws near, I trust that all members of our order will be ready to do their duty to assist the G. A. R. and W. R. C. in decorating the graves of the brave men who died on the battlefield, or at home from disease or old age. Decorate their graves with Spring's choicest flowers. Do not wait for an invitation, but tender your services at once.

XV. The appeal for help in my last Division order has been responded to from many sections and a general boom instituted. As a result many new camps will be mustered. Commander Martin Short of Mansfield Post, No. 35, of Brooklyn, has taken a hand in the work, and it is expected that a large camp will be mustered. Captain Short says it will be the largest ever mustered. Many thanks are due Capt. Short. Again thanking you for your hearty co-operation in the grand work of trying to place the New York Division on top, I am,

Fraternally yours,

L. J. MACY, Commander.

Official:

B. G. SEAMANS, Adjutant.

PULASKI, N. Y., May 22, 1896.

DIVISION ORDER No. 5, Series of 1896.

1. On May 13th, I received notice from Captain E. T. Delaney, commanding John L. Stetson Camp, No. 203, of Plattsburg, stating that it



would be impossible for them to entertain the thirteenth annual Encampment of this Division.

I immediately notified the chairman and members of the Division Council, asking them to name a place for holding said Encampment. On May 21st, I received an official notice from said Council saying that they had unanimously settled on Waverly, N. Y.

II. The thirteenth annual Encampment of the New York Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will be held in the city of Waverly, Tioga county, on June 23-4-5, 1896.

III. The people of Waverly, as well as the local camp, are putting forth every effort to make this one of the most enjoyable, as well as the largest Encampment ever held by any Division. Special rates will be secured from all railroad companies and steamboat lines.

Ample provision will be made for the Ladies' Aid Societies, who will be entertained by the local society, the largest in the state.

IV. Commander-in-chief General William H. Russell and staff are expected to be present on Wednesday and Thursday, June 24th and 25th. The following noted members of our Order are also expected to be with us: Gens. Barto S. Weeks, of New York; Josepy McCabe, of Boston; William H. Bundy, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Theodore A. Barton, of Providence, R. I.

V. U. S. Grant Camp, No. 107, has changed its time of meeting from the second and fourth Thursdays to the first and third Fridays of each month.

VI. Koltcs Camp, No. 171, has changed its time of meeting to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, and place of meeting to 431 Sixth street, Matts Hall, New York city.

VII. H. C. Hendricks Camp, No. 36, of McCrawville, N. Y., has changed its time of meeting to the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

VIII. David G. Caywood Camp, No. 122, of Ovid, Seneca county, N. Y., has changed its time of meeting to Tuesday of each week.

IX. On May 14th, General D. B. Sackett Camp, No. 170, of Cape Vincent, Jefferson county, N. Y., was mustered with twenty charter members, by W. J. Frame, of Clayton, N. Y.; captain. J. C. Gregor; first lieutenant, C. C. Roseboom; second lieutenant, John Hoyser; time of meeting, Thursday of each week at G. A. R. hall.

X. Division transfers have been granted to the following named brothers of Col. E. D. Baker Camp, No. 28, of New York city: J. H. White, Jno. T. Suttie, A. J. Aldrich, H. G. McCord, James Black, jr., W. H. McNally, A. W. Stricht, Henry Gleason.

XI. Enclosed herewith will be found an envelope addressed to our Division Chaplain, to be used by camp captains in forwarding camp chaplains' reports. These reports must be attended to immediately after Memorial Day service.

XII. The time for holding the Encampment of this Division is so near at hand and the place of meeting so far from Division headquarters that we shall be under the necessity of closing the books of the Division on the night of June 17th. All orders for supplies must reach headquarters by that date. Be sure and order your badges and credential cards at once.

Camps that have not reported the election and installation of officers will do so at once.

Fraternally yours,

L. J. MACY, Commander.

Official:

B. G. SEAMANS, Adjutant.

PULASKI, N. Y., June 15th, 1896.

DIVISION ORDER No. 6, Series of 1896.

I. The 13th annual Encampment of the New York Division S. of V. will be held in the city of Waverly, Tioga county, N. Y., June 23, 24, 25, 1896. Encampment will convene at ten o'clock, Tuesday morning in the opera house. Division headquarters will be established at the Tioga House. Division officers and aides-de-camp will report at Division headquarters at 9 a. m., June 23, in full uniform.

II. The headquarters of the Ladies' Aid Society will be established at the New Warford.

III. Since the issue of Division order No. 5, the following camps have been mustered:

May 26, 1896, Mansfield Camp, No. 28, Brooklyn, N. Y., by Division Mustering Officer F. K. Maples. One hundred and eighteen charter members were mustered. On June 17, twenty-two more will be added, making a total list of one hundred and forty. Philip Grosback, captain, 1024, Madison street; 1st Lieut., Harry H. Dale; 2nd Lieut., James J. O'Farrell. Great credit is due Division Mustering Officer Maples for his untiring labors in mustering this camp. Also to John Murphy for valuable assistance rendered our mustering officer. This camp is believed to have the largest charter list of any camp ever mustered in our order.

May 26, 1896, Col. James B. Sinclair Camp, No. 93, of New Rochelle, with fifteen charter members. Mustered by Assistant Mustering Officer Capt. Albert Sievers, Jr., of Camp No. 74, of Yonkers, N. Y. Albert Cornell, captain, No. 1, Mayflower Ave.; 1st Lieut., Banks Bonton; 2nd Lieut., Clarence Ferguson.

June 10th, 1896, E. D. Robie Camp, No. 46, of Marathon, Cortland county, N. Y., with nineteen charter members, by Aide-de-Camp Charles Fenner, as assistant mustering officer. Captain, D. B. Wilson; 1st Lieut., R. E. Barned; 2nd Lieut., W. C. Lyman. The camp will meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays.

IV. Bayne Camp, No. 31, of New York Mills, Oneida county, N. Y., has changed its time of meeting from the second and fourth Tuesdays to the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

V. Arrangements have been made with the Trunk Line Association for round trip tickets on all roads in their association except the R., W. & O.

Camps along the R., W. & O. will have agents secure tickets for them at reduced rates.

VI. The following camps have failed to make their quarterly reports and pay their per capita tax for the quarter ending March 31, 1896, and their charters are hereby suspended. Camps No. 25, 27, 73, 84, 92, 94, 158, 163, 186, 195, carrying with them a membership of 202.

VII. A new Division Roster has been printed and a copy mailed to each camp free of charge. Additional copies may be procured at Division Headquarters at five cents each.

VIII. The camp chaplains who have not forwarded their reports to Division Chaplain W. C. Gray, No. 105, Howard Ave., Utica, N. Y., will do so at once.

IX. On June 4th, 1896, the resignation of S. W. Mann, as 1st Lieut. of Gen. G. P. Custer Camp, No. 96, of Middletown, N. Y., was received and accepted at these headquarters, and the election and installation of his successor ordered.

X. A copy of the 14th annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-chief and a copy of the 12th annual Encampment of this Division has been mailed or expressed, free of charge, to each camp captain, with the request that they recognize the receipt of the same. So far, but four camps have been heard from.



**J. W. PARKHURST, Member of Division Council.**  
(For Biography see page 111.)





XI. Tappen Camp, No. 1, Rondout, Ulster county, has paid all indebtedness to headquarters and surrendered its charter.

XII. The work of another year is drawing to a close. This will be the last Division Order issued by your present Commander. It has been a year of constant care and hard work. The financial condition of our country has told largely on our Order, but there has been a large infusion of new blood by the organizing of new camps.

This work has been brought about by the hearty co-operation of the G. A. R., who are showing great interest in our Order. To the faithful officers and members of our beloved Order, who have rendered me efficient and valuable assistance during the past two years, I tender my heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

Meet me at Waverly.

Fraternally yours,

Official :

L. J. MACY, Commander.

B. G. SEAMANS, Adjutant.

The resignation of Newton G. Ehle, who served as adjutant for a term and three-fourths, left the office vacant, and to me was given the honor of becoming his successor. How well I have served you are best qualified to say.

To you, Commander Macy, I owe much for the patience with which you have borne with me in the weak way in which I have served you. I have been deeply impressed with the untiring zeal you have put into the work, and to you I believe the Division owes a debt of gratitude it can never pay. I have not been blind to the labor you have expended in the work, or unmindful of the devotion you have shown to the Order. Your courtesy to me will place you in the life list of my personal friends and when the Sons of Veterans mete out the reward you merit no one will rejoice with more earnestness or share with greater satisfaction than your humble servant.

Most fraternally yours,

BYRON G. SEAMANS.

By Division Commander—Report will be referred to the proper committee. The next in order is the Division Quartermaster's report.

### Division Quartermaster's Report.

To LEWIS J. MACY, Commander of the New York Division of Sons of Veterans:

Dear Commander: I herewith present to you a report of the transactions of my office since July 1st, 1895, to date:

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand July 1, 1895.....	\$ 402 12
From sale of supplies.....	561 87
From sale of proceedings.....	5 80

From charter fees.....	380 00
From per capita tax .....	1,605 77
From commissions.....	110 00
From miscellaneous.....	7 29
	<u>\$3,072 95</u>
From supplies on hand July, 1, 1895.....	\$ 103 40
Total cash and supplies received.....	<u>\$3,176 35</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

For postage and express .....	\$ 187 92
For office expenses, clerk, etc. ....	350 60
For per capita tax—commandery-in-chief .....	503 65
For charter fees.....	28 00
For camp organizing fees.....	118 00
For supplies .....	577 25
For proceedings and rosters .....	179 25
For office rent.....	50 00
For delegate's and commander's expenses to the national encampment.....	127 96
For miscellaneous .....	449 98
	<u>\$2,572 61</u>
Cash balance on hand June 22, 1896.....	\$ 500 34
Regular supplies on hand June 22, 1896.....	55 21
Proceedings on hand.....	502 25
Office furniture on hand .....	57 60
Cash on hand and total inventory.....	<u>\$1,115 40</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PARKHURST, Division Quartermaster.

By Division Commander—Report is duly referred.  
We will now listen to the report of the Junior Vice-Commander.

### Junior Vice-Commander's Report.

To L. J. MACY, Commander, and members of the New York Division:

While perhaps a report from my office is not expected, I feel that a brief summary of my work in an official sense will not be out of place.

During the past year I have written over seventy-five personal letters to G. A. R. commanders and interested Sons in the vicinity of my home, with a view to organizing new camps. My efforts in this direction have resulted so far in the mustering of two new camps and the probable formation of two or three more at an early date.

While I had no definite ground laid out for me, I considered my own county as my territory and worked mainly on that field.

I believe that much good might be accomplished if the Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders were assigned some particular field of work with a clearly defined course of action laid out for them, instead of leaving them to work as a free lance, or not to work at all. With this idea in view I would recommend that a portion of the work now transacted at headquarters be given to



the Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders, thus relieving the Commander to a great extent and giving the officers above named something to do to earn the honor of the office. In conclusion I would say that I have endeavored to fulfill what I considered my duty to the best of my ability.

Thanking Colonel Macy and the members of his staff for many kind words and courtesies, and also the members of the New York Division for the honor which I have enjoyed the past year, I will close, assuring you of my earnest good wishes, interest and co-operation in the future as in the past.

Fraternally Yours,

CHAS. D. HIGGINS,  
Junior Vice-Commander.

By Division Commander—The report is duly referred. The next in order is the report of the Division Surgeon.

### Division Surgeon's Report.

NEW YORK CITY, June 15th, 1896.

To L. J. MACY, Commander New York Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Dear Commander:—I have the honor of submitting the following as my report as Division Surgeon for the past year. At the outset, allow me to state that I am able to announce that I have received reports from 95 per cent. of the camps in good standing, a rating which I believe, has never been equalled, and which is 36 per cent. better than last year's report. It is undoubtedly useless for me to say that many camp captains seem to feel that it is impertinence on the part of the Division surgeon to be persistent in calling for their reports, and that it is no part of their duties to promptly make out and forward said reports to headquarters. This is the same complaint that all surgeons, chaplains and inspectors have to make annually, but no one who has not filled one of these offices can appreciate the efforts required to get reports from many camps, some of which are among the most prominent in the Division. It is an absolute fact that I have written no less than eight letters to each of several camps in order to obtain their report. It is to be much regretted that Division officers should find it so difficult to carry on the Division work, on account of the carelessness and negligence of camp officers.

## NUMBER OF MEMBERS MUSTERED (including charter members) 6564.

1 No. members in good standing.....	3198	23 No. of clergymen.....	11
2 No. mustered since last report.....	353	24 No. of physicians.....	25
3 No. in State Militia.....	72	25 No. of dentists.....	10
4 No. in U. S. Army.....	5	26 No. of attorneys.....	58
5 No. in U. S. Navy.....	0	27 No. of teachers.....	42
6 No. of G. A. R. members.....	109	28 No. of students.....	111
7 Total No. of drilled men.....	1129	29 No. of artists and draughtsmen.....	30
8 No. able to bear arms.....	3047	30 No. of musicians.....	81
9 No. over 45 years of age.....	98	31 No. of merchants.....	218
10 Age of oldest member.....	73	32 No. of salesmen.....	126
11 Average age of all members.....	25.08	33 No. of clerks and bookkeepers.....	390
12 No. of widowers.....	50	34 No. of electricians.....	29
13 No. married members.....	1300	35 No. of telegraph operators.....	19
14 No. unmarried members.....	1848	36 No. of mechanics.....	527
15 No. deaths within one year.....	23	37 No. of engineers.....	60
16 No. cases sickness during year.....	180	38 No. of R.R. conductors.....	32
17 No. injuries during year.....	37	39 No. of printers.....	89
18 Total No. weeks } From sickness.....	460	40 No. of sailors.....	21
} From injury.....	146	41 No. of farmers.....	441
19 No. camps paying funeral benefits ...	11	42 No. of miners.....	4
Average amount.....	\$48.20	43 No. of skilled laborers.....	175
20 No. camps paying sick benefits.....	11	44 No. of laborers.....	463
Average amount.....	\$4.00	45 Miscellaneous.....	236
21 No. camps engaging in reg'lr drill... 46		46 No. of camps in Division.....	136
22 No. members foreign born.....	27	47 No. of camps reporting.....	129

In submitting the above, I would also call your attention to the following facts:

Eight camps failed to report at all. The numbers are: 65, 84, 145, 173, 175, 210, 211 and 307. In this connection permit me to call your attention to Section 2, Article IV., page 53, C., R. and R.

The following ten camps were the first to report, in the order named: 121, 227, 220, 143, 77, 225, 16, 45, 71 and 95.

Since the report was compiled, I discovered that Camp 2, which reported January 25th was in good standing, thereby making the total number of camps in the Division 137, and not 136, as shown by roster on June 1st.

Warner Camp, No. 231, filed its report June 6th, thereby being too late to be embodied in the above report.

I would offer a recommendation regarding a change to be made in the form of blank which is sent to each captain. The first question is regarding the number of members mustered in each camp. This question is not one of the regularly numbered questions, nor is it at the beginning of the list, but it is printed in a separate place at the top of the sheet. Then below it, but to one side, begin the regular questions which are numbered from 1 to 45. In fully 75 per cent. of the reports sent in, the captains have omitted to answer the question referred to, and have necessitated further correspondence to obtain this information.

RECOMMENDATION No. 1: That the delegates to the C. in C. be requested to use their best endeavors to have

the question, "number of members mustered including charter members?" placed at the head of the list of regular questions in the blank camp captains' surgeons' reports.

In concluding my report, Commander, I feel that I can conscientiously say that I have endeavored to serve you and this Division to the best of my ability. It has cost me many a weary hour to properly perform the duties of my office. The negligence of camp captains; their failures to make prompt reports; the incessant urging necessary to get answers from certain camps; the mistakes which are so frequently made and which are so unnecessary; the care required in tabulating the reports as they are received; and the many annoyances which I find all Division officers have to put up with in the performance of their various duties, all combine to make the path of your Division surgeon one which is not altogether strewn with roses, but one in which the thorns predominate, and yet, notwithstanding all these facts, I have enjoyed my work as I am happy to know that I have been a part, if only a small part, of one of the most successful administrations this Division has ever had.

In conclusion allow me to thank you, Commander, for the many kindnesses I have received at your hands, and permit me to express the hope that in years to come, you may feel that your arduous labors in behalf of the Order of the Sons of Veterans have not been expended in vain.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

IRA A. ALLEN, Division Surgeon.

By the Commander—Report is hereby referred to committee on Officers' Reports. Next in order is the report of the Division Inspector.

### **Division Inspector's Report.**

NEW YORK CITY, May 1st, 1896.

To COL. L. J. MACY, Commander New York Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Dear Commander: I beg leave to submit, herewith, my report as Division Inspector:

This has been an unusually severe year, and, I regret to say, witnessed a considerable thinning of our ranks.

In consequence of a change in ritual, and the lack of sufficient time to thoroughly analyze it, the averages in many instances are considerably less than those of



last year. In my estimation, those camps of the first class are deserving of especial credit.

There were, at the time of inspection, 124 camps in good standing in this Division, of which 106 camps, or 85½ per cent. have been inspected, a loss of 3½ per cent.

FIRST CLASS: 48 CAMPS, OR 39 PER CENT.; A LOSS OF 20 PER CENT.

Camps No.	Credits	Camps No.	Credits
120, 133, 166, .....	100	21, 165, .....	86
52.....	99	38, 53, 199, .....	85
191.....	98	16, 88, .....	84
6, 105.....	96	45, 48, 134, .....	83
10, 34, 43, .....	94	7, 36, 163, .....	81
8, 225, .....	93	42, 69, 147, 213 .....	78
47, 77, 95, 220, 230, .....	90	20, 31, 145, 164, 107, 204, .....	77
100, .....	88	41, 66, 229, .....	76
26, 40, 72, .....	87	121.....	75

SECOND CLASS: 41 CAMPS, OR 35 PER CENT.

Camps No.	Credits	Camps No.	Credits
25.....	74	171, 207, .....	62
1 (Tappan), 64, 102 .....	73	17, 27, 61, .....	61
39, 51, 63, 115, .....	72	3, 86, 180, 193, 217 .....	60
168.....	71	71.....	59
2, 138, 150, 154, .....	69	59, 103, 143, .....	58
37.....	68	14, 73, .....	57
15.....	67	74.....	56
5, 78, 231, .....	66	107.....	55
50, 192, .....	64	62, 142, .....	52
136.....	63	65, 75, .....	50

THIRD CLASS: 15 CAMPS, OR 12 PER CENT.

Camps No.	Credits	Camps No.	Credits
1 (Townsend), 68.....	49	96.....	49
104.....	48	84.....	38
37, 205, .....	47	186.....	34
58.....	45	67.....	29
2.....	44	130.....	28
29.....	43	140.....	15
23.....	42		

The answers to the various questions are:

- Twenty-six captains, or 24 per cent., have their ritualistic work thoroughly memorized, a loss of 13 per cent. fourteen have it well committed; thirty-six are fair; and thirty use their ritual entirely.
- Twenty-eight first lieutenants, or 26 per cent., have their work perfectly committed, a loss of 33 per cent; twenty-one have it well committed; twenty-four fair; and thirty-three use the ritual entirely.
- Twenty-five second lieutenants, or 23 per cent., are perfect, a loss of 30 per cent.; eighteen have it well committed; twenty-seven are fair; and thirty-six use the ritual entirely.
- Twenty-three chaplains, or 22 per cent., have thoroughly memorized their work, a loss of 26 per cent; fifteen know their parts well; thirty are fair; and thirty-eight use the ritual altogether.
- Thirty-one sergeants of the guard, or 29 per cent., are perfect in their work, a loss of 14 per cent.; sixteen are good; twenty are fair; and thirty-nine are poor.
- The attendance of the forty-four camps is excellent, being 43 per cent., a loss of 36 per cent.; in thirty-five camps the attendance is good; twenty-one, fair; and six, poor.
- Thirty-five camps are in a perfectly healthy condition and forging ahead; thirty camps are doing well; thirteen are holding their own; and twenty-eight are declining in members and finances.
- The records of seventy-one camps are perfectly kept, being 69 per cent., a loss of 21 per cent; nineteen are well kept; thirteen are incorrectly kept; and three camps keep no records whatever.
- Forty-seven camps, 45 per cent., present an excellent appearance; thirty-four good; fourteen fair; and eleven make a poor showing.
- In eighty-seven camps the quartermaster has filed his bond, and all financial matters are promptly and properly attended to, being 85 per cent., a loss of 8 per cent; in ten camps bonds are filed and financial matters fairly well attended to; in three camps bonds are filed but financial matters conducted at leisure; while six camps are absolutely unprotected, having no bonds and no semblance of any system.

11. The officers of fifty-seven camps are all uniformed, being 55 per cent., a loss of 4 per cent.; in ten camps the majority are uniformed; while in thirty-nine camps they only have two or three.

12. In forty-six camps the officers present an excellent appearance, wearing rank straps and side arms, in accordance with the C. R. and R., being 44 per cent; those of fourteen camps present a good appearance; in seventeen they endeavor to make a good showing; and in twenty-nine camps, none at all.

13. In accordance with the C. R. and R., seventy-three camps, or 71 per cent., have their rooms properly equipped; twenty-one are good; seven, fair; and five have none whatever.

14. In forty-seven camps the entire non-commissioned staff wear chevrons, being 46 per cent., a gain of 2 per cent.; in five camps a majority have them; and in fifty-four, very few.

15. Of the camps inspected, 1567 members possess uniforms, a loss of 584 since last inspection.

16. Badges are presented to recruits in 103 camps, being 97 per cent., a loss of 1 per cent.; one camp, 96, presents one occasionally; while two camps, 58 and 67, violate Section 7, article 2, C. R. and R., by never doing so.

17. General orders are regularly read and properly filed by 101 camps, or 96 per cent.; occasionally read but not filed, in four camps; and neither read or filed, in one camp, No. 140.

18. One hundred and three camps, or 97 per cent., participated in Memorial Day services; three camps did not.

19. One hundred and two camps are prompt in forwarding their dues to headquarters, being 97 per cent; four camps being somewhat tardy.

20. Ninety camps, or 85 per cent., have submitted their chaplains' and surgeons' reports promptly; sixteen are still forthcoming.

21. The total membership in good standing of the camps inspected is 2948; a loss of 299 since last inspection, or an average of 287 members per camp.

22. Four hundred eighty-five members were dropped during the past year, being an average of 3¾ per cent.

23. Sixty-one camps, or 59 per cent., have assisted the G. A. R. and W. R. C.; forty-five have not.

24. The total value of property owned by camps inspected is \$24,068.43, an average of \$227.06 per camp, a gain of \$40.93 since last inspection.

25. Cash on hand over all indebtedness, \$5,981.14, an average of \$56.42, a gain of \$1.22 per camp since last inspection.

26. The average dues of camps inspected is \$2.65.

27. Recruits pay, on an average, \$1.95 for muster fee, an increase of 8 cents. In direct violation of Section 7, article 2, C. R. and R., Camps No. 96 and No. 130 charge only \$1 for muster fee. This should be remedied at once.

28. One hundred fifty special meetings have been held during the year.

29. Ninety-three members have been relieved.

30. There have been \$1,198.08 expended for charity, an average of \$11.23 per camp.

31. There are 15 Ladies' Aid Societies in connection with camps inspected, an increase of 4.

32. Thirty-nine camps are aided and encouraged by the G. A. R.; 67 are not.

33. Thirty-two camps drill regularly, being 30 per cent. Of 74 camps, some drill occasionally, while others not at all.

34. There are 77 infantry camps, 6 artillery, 4 cavalry, 1 signal corps, and 1 ambulance corps.

35. Seven hundred and sixteen members are equipped, an average of 6.85 per camps, loss of 62.

36. Eighty-five camps hold social gatherings, etc., 21 do not.

37. The cost of this inspection was \$111.90, an average of \$1.05, which is 56 cents per camp less than last year. The average rating of camps inspected is 70½ per cent.

In conclusion, I wish to heartily thank those brothers who have so generously tended to lessen the arduous duties in connection with my office; and assuring you, Commander, of my continued respect and esteem for your friendship, I am

Yours in F., C. and L.,  
 PHILIP REECE,  
 Division Inspector.

By the Division Commander—The report is duly referred to the proper committee. We will now listen to the Division Chaplain's report.



### Division Chaplain's Report.

UTICA, N. Y., June 23, 1896.

To L. J. MACY, Commander, N. Y. Division S. of V.

Sir:—I have the honor to submit within my annual report as Division Chaplain:

Number of camps reporting, 73.

Percentage of camps reporting, 98.

Number of brothers belonging to camps, 2,191.

Number of brothers in line Memorial day, 418.

Number of brothers armed and in line Memorial day, 263.

Number of brothers uniformed in line Memorial day, 880.

Number of firing squads furnished, 8.

Number of addresses by members of the Sons of Veterans, 25.

Number of brothers attending Memorial Sunday services, 1,279.

Number of camps observing Union Defenders' day, 40.

Number of deaths in Division in last twelve months, 12.

Number of funerals attended by camps in a body, G. A. R. 21,

S. of V. 13.

Number of burial services conducted by camp, G. A. R. 1,

S. of V., 7.

Number of camps using memorial services, "A" 10; "B" 16.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

W. C. GRAY, Division Chaplain.

By the Commander—The report is hereby referred to the proper committee. Next in order is the report of the Division Council.

### Division Council's Report.

To the officers and members of the Thirteenth Annual Encampment N. Y. Division, S. of V., U. S. A.

Your Division Council respectfully begs leave to submit the following: The council has held but one regular meeting, which was called at Division Headquarters October 14th, 1895, for the purpose of examination of accounts and such other matters as were presented. The books and vouchers at that time were fully examined and found correct, the last balance showing three hundred sixty-two dollars and fifty-two cents on hand.

As you very well know, Plattsburg had been selected as the place for holding the thirteenth Annual Encampment, but owing to the fact that Camp 203 had failed to keep its promises made in Syracuse and headquarters having failed to receive answers to communications regarding preparations for the Encampment up to about May 10th, Colonel Macy at last demanded a definite answer, to which he received a reply that it would be impossible to entertain the the thirteenth Annual Encampment. The Division is indebted to an officer of the G. A.



R. Post at Plattsburg for the first definite information that Camp 203 had no funds, nor had they taken any steps toward raising any. We believe it to be our duty to censure Capt. Cavanagh of Camp 203, for utterly failing to carry out their glowing promises, thus placing the Division in a very serious predicament at the last hour.

On the 13th day of May, Col. Macy wired Charles Kinney, chairman of the Division Council, that it was impossible to hold the Encampment at Plattsburg, and followed the same with a letter giving the particulars and enclosing the correspondence on the subject, and at the same time extending an invitation from the citizens of Pulaski to hold the Encampment at that place, also communicating with other members of the council. Jamestown and Waverly also offered inducements to come to their cities. The council, after consulting each other by wire, came to the conclusion that it would be presuming upon Col. Macy's good nature to take the Encampment to his place, and after careful consideration regarding the welfare of the Division, at a meeting held in Waverly on the 21st day of May, it was unanimously decided to accept the offer of that city, and thus inform Col. Macy, when he immediately promulgated the fact and ordered the Encampment to be held in Waverly, June 23d, 24th and 25th.

We, your council, desire to express our hearty approval of Col. Macy's conduct in this affair in so promptly referring the matter to us, at the same time we felt that a great responsibility had been thrust upon us in being compelled to choose between very desirable locations, but we endeavored to act according to our best judgment, of what was the best thing for the Division, entirely throwing aside our personal wishes and feeling in the matter. The entire expense of your council was borne by themselves, thus the cost of the change has been very light. We hope our decision will meet with your approval.

We are pleased to state that upon our examination of the books and accounts of Col. Macy, we find that he and his officers have taken great pains to keep down expenses and thus be enabled to turn over a larger amount of cash to his successor than has ever been on hand at the close of any administration, the balance being \$500.34.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

CHARLES KINNEY, Chairman.

JAC. WISEL, Clerk.

C. L. DEMOREST.

By the Division Commander—The report is duly referred. Let us listen to the report of the Division Mustering Officer.

### Division Mustering Officer's Report.

BROOKLYN, June 20th, 1896.

To COL. L. J. MACY, Commanding the New York Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Dear Commander: I take pleasure in submitting herewith my report as Mustering Officer of the New York Division, for the term of 1895-6.

Camps have been mustered in this Division during the term as follows:

[The list gives number and name of camp, mustering officer, date mustered and number of charter members.]

- No. 9, D. S. Decker; Howard Harflinger; Dec. 26, '95; 35.
- No. 11, Levi P. Morton; H. S. Murray; June 15, '96; 15.
- No. 28, Mansfield; F. K. Maples; May 26, '96; 140.
- No. 30, H. E. Tyler; C. H. Fenner; June 16, '96; 17.
- No. 33, Alfred M. Wood; F. K. Maples; Jan. 23, '96; 24.
- No. 46, E. D. Robie; C. H. Fenner; June 10, '96; 19.
- No. 54, Campbell; J. W. Parkhurst; April 24, '96; 24.
- No. 60, O. Rorke; E. H. Miller; February 28, '96; 105.
- No. 79, John P. Jenkins; Randolph White; Oct. 22, '95; 25.
- No. 82, Geo. W. Mather; John Mason; July 30, '95; 19.
- No. 83, I. L. Rock; J. T. Kavanagh; Aug. 23, '95; 26.
- No. 89, Apalachin; G. F. Deyo; Nov. 16, '95; 25.
- No. 90, Warner Miller; W. C. Gray; Dec. 5, '95; 16.
- No. 101, Chas. H. Burtiss; F. K. Maples; Dec. 30, '95; 25.
- No. 106, Col. W. D. Dickey; Edwin S. Merrill; Mar. 10, '96; 20.
- No. 122, David G. Caywood; C. D. Higgins; Feb. 28, '96; 21.
- No. 123, Col. Garritt Nevins; C. D. Higgins; Mar. 2, '96; 21.
- No. 170, Gen. D. B. Sacket; H. J. Frame; May 14, '96; 20.

Camps in rotation, as per list from headquarters.

On December 30th, 1895, at Co-operative Hall, at the corner of Howard Avenue and Madison Street, Brooklyn, acting in accordance with your orders, I mustered Charles H. Burtiss Camp, No. 101, with 23 charter members.

On January 23rd, 1896, I mustered Alfred M. Wood Camp, No. 33, at Centennial Hall, Jamaica, L. I., with 24 charter members.

On May 26th, 1896, at Tuttle Hall, Grand Street, near Driggs Avenue, Brooklyn, in company with other Division officers, I had the high honor of mustering into our Order what I think is the largest camp in this Division, and which starts with a charter list which I believe is the largest of any camp that was ever mustered in our Order. This camp, Mansfield, No. 28, started with one

hundred forty (140) charter members and will soon number at least one hundred (100) more. Great credit is due Captain Martin Short, Commander of Mansfield Post, No. 35, G. A. R., and chairman of the Department council of Administration, Department of New York, G. A. R., for the able, energetic and loyal support he has given us in the organization of this new camp, and to whose untiring efforts is due the large number of young men who have been given to our Order in the organization of this camp, numbering as it does among its members a large number of the representative men of the city of Brooklyn.

This camp was originally started with the intention of making it a post of the old post system, Sons of Veterans, but by the efforts and able assistance of Capt. Short, coupled with the very able assistance of our Division Commander, Col. L. J. Macy, who made a personal visit to Brooklyn in response to my request, and other Division officers, we have succeeded in adding this camp to our ranks.

The applications for camp charters are now in the hands of two G. A. R. post commanders here in Brooklyn. These camps will in a short time be mustered into our Order, and from present indications will each start with at least fifty (50) charter members.

On assuming the position of Mustering Officer I determined to put forth every effort to organize and solidify our Order as closely as possible, and especially in my own vicinity; and the result of the work is that to-day the camps of our Order in Kings county are thoroughly and closely amalgamated in a central, county organization, which so far has been of great benefit to each camp, and which enabled us, on June 7th of this year to hold memorial services under our own auspices, at Union Cemetery, in Brooklyn, over the graves of the veterans who lie buried there. The occasion was a grand success. Most all of the 35 G. A. R. posts in Brooklyn were well represented in the parade, a number parading with us in a body with bands of music at their head. All the camps in Brooklyn paraded in a body, as did also delegates from most of the camps in New York city. Over 5,000 people were present at the services at the cemetery, and from the intense interest taken and the enthusiasm shown both by the comrades of the G. A. R. and the public at large, the Order cannot help but gain greatly thereby. It will certainly help us organize new camps, as is witnessed by the two new ones now



under way since then, and will also help to strengthen those already organized in Kings county in the way of recruiting, and the greater interest taken by the G. A. R. I have only mentioned this to show the great good which can be accomplished by having the camps in the different counties brought more closely together. The camps in New York county have been organized thus, I understand, for some time.

In the matter of mustering new camps I find a great deal of difference exists between the ritual we are now using and the old ritual, especially now when there are degrees to be conferred. Great care should be taken in the mustering of every new camp, as the first impression that a body of young men get when they are just entering an order is generally a lasting one, and one which will be the guide for the conducting of their meetings, etc., especially in the ritualistic work. One camp I visited in company with other officers of our Order I found knew next to nothing of our Order. In fact all they knew was the pass word and countersign. They are located about 100 miles from my residence, but at the request of their captain and comrades I visited their camp at a special meeting which they held for the purpose, and with the assistance of two other officers I went through the whole of the work of a camp, especially the ritualistic work and muster part, and gave them thorough instruction in the same. I do not mention this for the purpose of criticising the work of any other comrade or officer, but solely for the benefit of our beloved Order and Division, of which I have been a member for over ten years.

In order that all new camps may be mustered in and afterwards visited and instructed in the work by their Mustering Officer, I would recommend to this convention that the muster of all camps, that charter applications which have been approved of be referred to, and left entirely in the hands of the Division Mustering Officer, the same as the work of the Division Inspector, Surgeon and Chaplain is left to those officers; that the Division be divided into districts, at least six (6) in number and that an assistant mustering officer for each district be appointed and commissioned by the Division Commander upon the recommendation of the Division Mustering Officer, such officers to be under the direct orders of the Division Mustering Officer, and to be given a rank and commission one grade less than the Division

Mustering Officer, and such officers to be given full charge of the mustering of all camps in their respective districts, instructing camps, organizing new camps, etc., and to be held responsible for the condition of the camps and Order in their districts, and to be at all times under the orders of their superior Division officers; and that the Division Mustering Officer's department should be made a distinct department, the same as the other Division officers, and that the Division Mustering Officer have the disposal of at least a part of the money appropriated by the encampments for the organization of new camps, etc., such Division Mustering Officer to be appointed only for his especial fitness for the position, i. e., his thorough knowledge of our ritual, time at his disposal which is necessary to give to the work, etc., he to give a good and suitable bond for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, etc., and to serve without salary, but that the necessary expenses of his office be paid by the Division and that he shall render a report of all moneys received and disbursed the same as all other officers have the handling of money. I am sure such an officer can be obtained and I trust that this recommendation will be adopted, as I am sure it will be of great benefit to this Division and Order, and I also trust that in making this report it will not be thought that I have intended to speak except for the benefit of our Order.

Thanking you, Commander, for the confidence you have reposed in me in appointing me to this honorable position, and also for the many kindnesses and courtesies shown me by yourself and the officers and members of the Division during the term, and trusting that your future life will be as successful as the affairs of our Division have certainly been under your two administrations, I am

Yours in F., C. and L.,  
 FRANK K. MAPLES,  
 Division Mustering Officer.

RECAPITULATION OF MUSTER.

Charles H. Burtiss Camp, No. 101 .....	23
Alfred M. Wood Camp, No. 33.....	24
Mansfield Camp, No. 28 .....	140
Total.....	187
Camps mustered as per list from headquarters .....	18
Number of comrades mustered in new camps as per list from headquarters .....	607

By the Commander—The report is referred to the proper committee. Let us now listen to the report of the Judge Advocate.

### Judge Advocate's Report.

To Colonel L. J. MACY, Commander of the New York Division, Sons of Veterans:

My Dear Commander: I herewith present my annual report of the questions submitted to your Judge Advocate by you, together with the opinions rendered thereon:

Your uniform consideration, and your sterling determination to hue to the line of right, let the chips fly where they might, has made my duties pleasant.

The questions and opinions I annex hereto:

Very respectfully, yours to command,  
 GEORGE S. TARBELL,  
 Judge Advocate.

#### QUESTION I.

Frank K. Maples, of 578 Leonard street, Brooklyn, N. Y., forwards several questions to this department, with a request that the responses thereto be made as decisions under the seal of the Division, instead of opinions.

#### OPINION I.

Your judge advocate respectfully reports as follows: That in his opinion there is nothing before us for decision. Decisions cannot be made without hearing both sides of a case, and after complaint in due form has been made. Or in the case where a captain is authorized to make a decision and has done so, it is not within our province to overrule that decision, until such decision is appealed from, and both sides of the case laid before us; nor can we give a decision in relation to a court martial, until a court martial has been held. But it is within our province to express opinions on such subjects when so directed by the Colonel commanding.

#### QUESTION II.

Frank K. Maples asks: "Can a member of a camp be disciplined by the camp, by trial by court martial, who, while holding a position of responsibility and trust in a drum corps attached to the camp and who is charged with misappropriation of money belonging to the said drum corps? The members of this drum corps do not all belong to this camp, but some of them do. This drum corps is under the command of a drum major appointed by the captain of the camp and is under the supervision of the camp, through a committee of three from the



camp. This member who committed this offense, was at that time an officer in the drum corps, and also a member of the camp. He is not a member of the drum corps at the present time, but is a member of the camp in good standing. Can he be disciplined by the camp for this offense in the same manner and form as though it were funds of the camp he had misappropriated?

#### OPINION II.

The party referred to is not charged with any offense cognizable by or subject to discipline by the Sons of Veterans, under Chapter V, Article VI, Section 1, of C. R. and R. Every man is presumed innocent until proven guilty. The statement made is that an offense has been committed against an organization outside of the Order of Sons of Veterans. There is no proof before us that a charge has been made or can be sustained in the courts of the state. Wherefore it is our opinion that on the statement of facts before us, that the brother would not be subject to discipline in this Order.

#### QUESTION III.

Frank K. Maples asks: "Is a comrade, who, while Senior Vice-Commander of our post [as we were before we united with the camp system] and who served out the term of office of the commander, [who resigned and left the Order a few months after his election as commander], entitled to the rank of a past captain of our camp? This comrade took the chair when the commander resigned, and filled out the term; but the post [now camp] failed to elect him as commander."

#### OPINION III.

However worthy the brother may be in this case, he is not, under the C. R. and R., entitled to past honors where he has not, (1), been duly elected to fill a vacancy and (2), served to the end of the term. See Chapter III, Article II, Section 1, paragraph 2. Therefore the brother is not entitled to past honors.

#### QUESTION IV.

The C. R. and R. states that a comrade six (6) months in arrears for dues or fines shall be suspended, etc., and that a comrade one (1) year in arrears for dues or fines shall be dropped from the roll, etc. Does this mean that a comrade, who, after having a fine imposed on him for violation of some rule, and who refuses or neglects to pay his fine may be suspended after a period

of six (6) months, and dropped from the roll after one (1) year, after being properly notified according to our C. R. and R. of the imposition of the fine, and the penalty for non-payment of the same? This case came up in this manner. A comrade failed to parade at the funeral of a deceased comrade, after being duly notified of the said funeral. By an official order of the captain, under the seal of the camp, and in accordance with the by-laws of our camp, [which have been approved of by the Division Commander], the comrade was fined the sum of one dollar (\$1) for the offense. The comrade attended a session of the camp, and offered an excuse for his failure to attend the funeral, which the captain would not accept, deeming the excuse insufficient; and the matter being brought before the camp it (the camp) refused, by a motion, after a lengthy debate of the matter, to remit the fine. The comrade arose and stated in open camp session, that he would not pay the fine, and after waiting for the proper time in accordance with the C. R. & R., and after notifying the comrade, etc., the fine still remaining unpaid, the captain suspended the comrade. Was his action legal in accordance with our C. R. and R.?

#### OPINION IV.

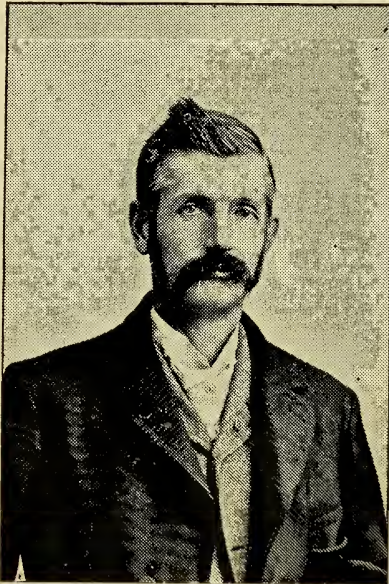
Chapter II, Article X, Section 2, of the C. R. and R. provides for non-payment of fines, member may be suspended or dropped in the same manner and form as provided for in the case of non-payment of dues. On the statement of the case before us, it appears as if the captain had done his duty in suspending the brother. A decision in the case before us, has been rendered by the captain of the camp in question, and unless appealed from by the aggrieved party, we can take no further notice of it.

#### QUESTION V.

J. Austin, 1st sergeant H. H. Winchell Camp, 43, at request of his camp asks: "Has the camp council's report quarterly got to be accepted at a regular meeting of the camp, before being sent to headquarters?"

#### OPINION V.

The camp council's report should be presented to the camp, and filed in the camp, before the making up of the quarterly reports, in order to furnish a basis for the reports, which have to be forwarded quarterly by quarter-master and 1st sergeant. But the camp council's quarterly report is not necessarily sent to Division Headquarters. Chapter II, article IX, section 1, merely provides that at



**W. C. GRAY, Division Chaplain.**  
(For Biography see page 110.)





the end of each quarter, the council shall render a full and complete report in writing, showing their transactions and the financial condition of the camp.

#### QUESTION VI.

Who has the authority to hold a brother over from suspension or dropped list, if so desired?

#### OPINION VI.

The only authority to hold a brother over from suspension or dropped list, is vested in the camp. By so doing the camp assumes the responsibility of paying the per capita tax to Division, and either assumes to pay the amount due to the camp, or remits the same.

#### QUESTION VII.

Samuel King Camp, No. 42, Division New York, S. of V., encloses communication addressed to said camp, signed by the officers of Gen. Sniper Camp, No. 166, of Syracuse, and under seal of the Order, as follows:

#### SAMUEL KING POST.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 29, 1896.

TO THE ORDER OF SONS OF VETERANS OF NEW YORK STATE:

The General Sniper Camp, S. of V., No. 166, of Syracuse, N. Y., ask your camp to kindly interest yourselves in our Brother, Hon. Adam C. Listman, Past Captain of our said camp, for the position as Chief Factory Inspector; and please to have him indorsed by your camp, by sending resolutions to the Governor and visit or write to your Senator and Assemblymen, to have them help our brother.

Please let us know what progress you have made and in what promotion you have acted.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

C. A. SCHENCK, Captain,  
JACOB SCHWARTZ, First Lieutenant.  
JACOB GROUP, Second Lieutenant.  
CONRAD SCHENCK, First Sergeant.

908 Lock Street.

[SEAL]

and asks if this is not of a political nature, and if it is not contrary to the constitution of our Order.

#### OPINION VII.

Whatever may be our individual or personal preference for a political office, or however much we might desire a member of our organization to be honored by political preferment, a fundamental rule of our Order has been broken by Sniper Camp in sending out this recommendation to the Order under the seal of the camp; and by the officials of that camp, who have affixed their official signatures to the recommendation. And each camp which sends to the Governor a recommendation or

application for any particular individual to be appointed to this or any political position breaks that same rule. It is our opinion that the subject is of a political nature and such as is prohibited by Chapter 2, Article 13, of the C., R. and R. of our Order, and that the communication in question comes most directly under and in controvention of Chapter 2, Article 14, of the C., R. and R., wherein it is provided. "No officer or past officer of the Order shall, under any circumstances, affix his official signature to any recommendation or application for a political position, or one of a political character."

#### QUESTION VIII.

The W. S. Hancock Camp, Number 95, Division New York, S. of V., asks: "Is a man, whose father was duly mustered into and honorably discharged from the U. S. service in the war from 1861 to 1865, who was legally adopted by another man, eligibe in the S. of V?"

#### OPINION VIII.

He is entitled, by the blood of his honorably discharged father, which courses through his veins. All male descendants, not less than eighteen (18) years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union army or navy during the civil war of 1861-1865, are eligible to membership. See Chapter 1, Article 5, C. R. & R.

But, if the young man has been legally adopted by another before he is mustered into the S. of V., he must be mustered into the order under his adopted father's name. For the laws of the state of New York, L. 1873, Chapter 830, paragraph 10, provides: "A child, when adopted, shall take the name of the person adopting."

#### QUESTION IX.

Samuel King Camp number 42, asks: "Suppose an applicant has received the first two degrees, and in the ballot before the third degree, he is blackballed. What is his standing in the camp?"

#### OPINION IX.

He is a Son of a Veteran of the second degree, and is entitled to be present in the camp while the camp is open upon the first or the second degrees; but he has no right to participate in the deliberations of the camp or in their work while open under the third degree.

#### OPINION X.

In relation to the questions presented by John W. LeRoy, of Cross Camp, 154, your Judge Advocate would



respectfully report that the case stated by John W. LeRoy is not sufficiently clear and explicit for any opinion to be written thereon; and his error in stating dates, and saying that the brother referred to was dropped October 1st, 1896, for being one year in arrears, leads to the conclusion that he has either erred in his dates, or has no case. And I would respectfully withhold decision until some clearly defined question is presented for our opinion.

#### QUESTION XI.

First Sergeant's report for quarter ending December 31st, shows Brother Lanning, of Camp 154, as suspended, and first sergeant's report for quarter ending March 31st, 1896, reports him as dropped. But Brother Lanning presents to this Department a receipt for his dues to said camp up to July 1st, 1896. The question is asked, if a man can be dropped for non-payment of dues when he holds a receipt which shows that his dues are paid.

#### OPINION XI.

A receipt is merely prima facie evidence of the truth of its contents, and can be attacked at any time; but the burden of disproving the receipt is upon the camp. If this brother has forged a receipt by changing the same, he is not only guilty of a crime under the laws of the state, but deserves a court martial at the hands of his camp. If camp 154 has any solid foundation for charges against Brother Lanning, they have a duty which they owe to themselves and to this Division, and that duty is to call for a court martial. And in the event of the camp failing to have a court martial, I believe that the Commander of this Division should call one immediately, and there clean up this whole matter of difficulty in Cross Camp. On the papers before me, there is a conflict as to facts, and nothing but a careful taking and weighing of evidence can clear this matter up. And since the matter has obtained such publicity, and the members of Cross Camp have had ample time to call for a court martial, but so far as I am informed have failed to do so as a camp, and in view of the further fact that an individual member, Roscoe L. Whitman, has asked for a court martial, I suggest that the Division Commander, by the power in him vested, furnish blank form of charges and specifications, and as quickly as the same can be filled out by any party having knowledge of the state of affairs in Cross Camp, that the Commander of the Division

order a court martial of such officers or members of Cross Camp against whom charges may be preferred.

GEORGE S. TARBELL,  
Judge Advocate.

Dated June 23rd, 1896.

By the Commander—We will now open under the head of communications. Are there any communications?

H. H. Parker, 9—While sitting at dinner to-day, I received in an envelope a communication from Camp 154, Amsterdam, addressed to the thirteenth annual Encampment of the New York Division, Sons of Veterans. I would prefer not to read it now, but to bring it up under the head of unfinished business, to-morrow.

By the Commander—I refer this to the committee on officers' reports for distribution. We will now receive communications from individual members.

C. H. E. Moran—I would like to ask if there are any other Divisions in session. Colonel Addington generally moves that motion, and I desire to second it. I move we adjourn the convention until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Charles Kinney—I would like to amend to adjourn to 8:30. If we meet here at 10 o'clock, we have no session in the afternoon, we cannot do our work in two hours. We had better make it 8:30.

By the Commander—Does the mover accept the amendment?

C. H. E. Moran—I do.

By the Commander—It becomes the original. I think before adjournment it would be proper if we should notice the Ladies' Aid Society in some way. But the motion now is that this session adjourn to 8:30 to-morrow morning.

Put and carried.

The Encampment adjourned until 8:30 Wednesday morning.

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### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1896.

Encampment called to order at 9:45 A. M.

Division Commander Macy in the chair.

By the Commander—Officer of the Day, you will see that the camp and picket guard are at their respective stations and in full possession of the password and countersign.

Password taken up.

By the Commander—Are there any Union veterans present, unobligated? Division Inspector and Division Surgeon, you will see that all present are in possession of the password and countersign.

H. C. H. Cooper—I have here the Senior Vice-Commander-in-chief, General Carr.

By the Commander—Brother Cooper, you will escort him to my room. Gen. Clary is there in waiting and we will present them at the same time.

Past Division Commander Holmes—I move that the roll call be dispensed with.

Motion was seconded by brothers in all parts of the hall.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—I would appoint as a committee to present Gen. Carr and Gen. Clary, Past Commander-in-chief Marks and Colonel Holmes. Officer of the Day, you will guard the door and announce the arrival.

Division Mustering Officer F. K. Maples—Commander, there are now in waiting, Past Commander of the G. A. R., Clary, and Senior Vice-Commander-in-chief Carr, of the S. of V.

By the Commander—You will admit them.

Past Commander-in-chief Marks—Commander, I have the pleasure of presenting to this Encampment Past Commander of the Department of New York, G. A. R., Clary, and also of presenting Senior Vice Commander-in-chief Carr of the Sons of Veterans. [Applause.]

By the Commander—You will escort them to the platform.

The gentlemen appear at the altar under escort.

By the Commander—Brothers, you are well aware that we have some distinguished guests here this morning. I will now present to you General Clary, Past Division Commander of the G.A.R. In behalf of the Division of New York, Sons of Veterans, and of this Encampment, I extend to you a cordial welcome. We welcome you as comrades, as individuals, because we love the work that you are doing. Never before has the Grand Army of the Republic taken so much interest in our Order as at present, and I take great pleasure in extending to you a cordial welcome.

General Clary—Commander, Comrades, my visit to this town I have been contemplating for the last two weeks. It has been very pleasant for me and especially



so by being requested by the Department Commander, General James S. Graham, of Rochester, to represent him here at this convention to-day, and I am desired by him to say that he felt disappointed indeed when he was prevented from coming here. They have a meeting of the council of administration in Albany to-morrow and he had to be present there and that is the reason why he is absent to-day. I know it would afford him great pleasure to be here on this occasion. This is the first time during my connection with the Grand Army of the Republic that I have had the privilege and honor of meeting with the Sons of Veterans in convention assembled. I have had the pleasure in the city of Rochester of visiting the camps there, and I can assure you that the interest displayed at the present time in the G. A. R. towards the Sons of Veterans is on the increase. A few years ago the Grand Army, or the members of that organization, did not seem to realize the interest, or in fact did not seem to realize the reasons for which you are organized. But in these days they are thinking over these matters seriously and becoming more interested in your Order, because they realize the fact that in a few years the Grand Army will cease to be an organization. We realize the fact that you will have to take our places and carry on the good work we commenced during the war. When I look around me and see the young men in this organization, it carries me back to the days from 1861 to 1865 when I was only a young man myself, eighteen years of age at the time the war broke out and I enlisted. It brings back many sad remembrances and glorious recollections. We all endeavored in our humble way to perform our duty to the Government. We stood shoulder to shoulder on the battle line, with "Old Glory" floating over us. We performed our duty and saved this nation, and made it the grand and glorious republic it is to-day. [Applause.] As I said before, the time is not far distant when the Grand Army of the Republic will live only in history. It behooves you young men, sons of noble sires, to carry on the work you are engaged in. I know the Grand Army of the Republic has not given this organization the support and assistance in the past that it should have. But now I can see that there is a growing interest among the members of our organization towards this organization. We feel proud when we see you turn out and march down the street. It makes us think of the same thing we did ourselves. An organiza-

tion which has respect for itself cannot help being respected by the community at large. It is the duty of every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic to do everything in his power to assist and encourage the Sons of Veterans in this state and every other state. There are a great many questions arising in this country at this time which every citizen is interested in. I remember a few years ago in going to a national encampment, I picked up a railroad catalogue, and on that was a picture of a sentinel on guard in the time of the Revolutionary War. It pictured him as looking toward the west; it described the hills of that country; and soon, with "Old Glory" floating over him, he had added another star to our flag. There is struggling Cuba—[Applause.]—There is struggling Cuba in the distance. We read every day of the terrible persecutions on that island. I think from my observation that the time is not far distant when possibly you and myself and others may have to go there and plant the Stars and Stripes on that island. We are a liberty loving people. The soldiers of '61 and '65 have proven their devotion to the flag. We know you will do the same if necessary, but I hope and trust that these things will come around without the shedding of one drop of blood, by the work and brains of our statesmen. But if it becomes necessary to protect the existence of a struggling nation, it may become the duty of this government to tell them to stop. I know the Department of New York, G. A. R., the Department Commander especially, is interested in the welfare of this organization, and I know that any assistance he can give he will be most glad to render. I had the pleasure of meeting you [Addressing the Commander] at Utica, and I can assure you that the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in that convention were glad to see the Sons of Veterans represented there. I can assure you that the impression was lasting which your Commander made on that occasion. You have reason to feel proud of the representation made there. I wish to return our sincere thanks for your very hearty and kindly reception of me on this occasion.

F. K. Maples, Division Inspector—There has just arrived an Aide, on the staff of the Department of Pennsylvania.

By the Division Commander—Commander Clary, on behalf of the members of this organization, I thank you for your words of encouragement. The inspiration

I got there at Utica has led me to push on in this work. Your city has contributed, like no other city in this state, to this order one of the largest camps ever mustered in this country. I assure you that I appreciate your allusions to the suffering in Cuba. We stand shoulder to shoulder to have wrongs righted, as you did in 1861. In conclusion, I would say :

“Not always in war’s wild din  
 Are victories lost and won.  
 There are struggles to enter in,  
 There are gallant deeds to be done ;  
 The sons will follow the sires,  
 And carry their conquests on ;  
 And we will keep bright the old camp fires  
 When you are gone.”

Brethren, I have the honor of presenting to you this morning, General Carr, Senior Vice-Commander of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America. I assure you, brethren, that Brother Carr was not elected at the national encampment at Knoxville because they were short of timber, but for the advancement of the work of our Order. I now introduce to you, General Carr.

General Carr—Commander and Brothers of the New York Division: It is certainly a pleasure for me as a member of this organization and as an officer of the Commandery-in-chief to pay you this fraternal visit. I consider that I have been highly honored this morning in the reception tendered me as a member of this organization. It was with pride that I sat upon the stage and listened to the remarks of the Past Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of New York. His words of encouragement come to us from men who hold high positions in the Grand Army of the Republic. I remember only a few months ago at Knoxville, Tenn., and Brother Macy will bear me out, that we had the pleasure of listening to McKinley; that early in the morning meeting word came that there were two men in Knoxville on their way to Chickamauga, (I refer to the Past Commander-in-chief and Commander-in-Chief Adams of the state of Massachusetts.) When they came upon the floor of the convention they used almost the same words that have been used by the Past Commander of the state of New York. They gave us words of encouragement and they told us they would do everything, in the future, for us that was in their power, for the success of this or-



ganization. On that same day in that convention another communication came from the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Governor and his staff, of one of the loyal states of the north, was on his way to Chickamauga to participate in those ceremonies about to take place. Brother Macy remembers that there was a committee of three appointed to wait upon those great statesmen. They came into the Commandery-in-chief accompanied by Hon. William McKinley, Governor of the state of Ohio, accompanied by his staff, but not only by his staff but by a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic who had shed his blood in defense of the flag and constitution. I refer to Past Commander-in-chief Fairchild of the great state of Wisconsin. It was with pride that we stood upon the floor of that convention and listened to the remarks made by those giants from those great states, and they said, just as the Past Commander has said, that they were ready to do everything possible for the success of this organization. We must be successful in the future when we have men like that behind us. The convention was at Knoxville, south of Mason and Dixon's line, but there was patriotism in that convention and I am only sorry that you were not there to listen to those speeches. I do not want to take too much of your time, because I know that you are busy. I believe that our organization, that the Sons of Veterans in the future are destined to do great things; that the Grand Army of the Republic does not understand this work. They are bound together for the purpose of assisting the men who fought from 1861 to 1865. It is our duty to go around the community and when there is an old soldier who defended our country, and in need, is sick or his family in need, to attend to them and do everything in our power to alleviate their suffering. The question often arises, "Who is to take the place of the Grand Army of the Republic when they are gone? It will not be long before the last old soldier will be gone; the last volley be fired?" We answer, the Sons of Veterans stand ready to take up the work they leave off; than whom none have a better right to take it up; the sons of those men who did this work. I remember those stirring events of 1861—I was ten years of age—when men ran about crying, "Fort Sumter has been fired upon. I am needed at the front." They went clad in the uniform of blue. History tells us that they fought the battle nobly. Soldiers from the great states of New York,

Pennsylvania, Missouri, Connecticut, Vermont and Rhode Island, and also from Ohio, Indiana, Kansas and Colorado stood shoulder to shoulder. Now, my friends, I want to say to you in conclusion, that I am proud I am a member of this organization. Let us all resolve, and when you from the great state of New York go to your respective homes, let us all go from here with the full determination to work harder and more earnestly for the organization which we have, and the honor of being members of it.

By the Commander—In behalf of the Division of New York, I thank you for the kindly words of encouragement you have offered. I and the members of this Encampment appreciate your words and remarks. They will go home with the one regret that the entire membership of the Division of New York could not listen to the remarks of yourself and General Clary. We thank you. We will now listen to the supplementary report of the committee on credentials.

Adjutant reads report:

### Credential Committee's Supplementary Report.

WAVERLY, N. Y., June 24th, 1896.

To the DIVISION COMMANDER:

Your committee on credentials find that the following names are to be added to the roll:

Name.	Camp.	Name.	Camp.
Chas. E. Tusk, past captain .....	3	John Clark, past captain.....	35
W. H. Guernsey, delegate.....	47	J. C. Kelley, past captain.....	229
Nicholas Uhl, delegate.....	136	John Billings .....	31
Geo. H. Hammond, past captain.....	136	J. D. Hoke, past captain.....	67
H. McWharton, past captain.....	136	H. L. Harvey, delegate.....	67
James W. Erwin, delegate-at-large.....	150	J. H. Heltman, past captain.....	28
W. P. Stein, delegate.....	150	H. A. P. Lidell, alternate.....	28
Peter Brown, delegate.....	168	Geo. B. Cuthers, delegate.....	52
Arthur Winchell, delegate.....	193	Jacob Group, delegate-at-large.....	166
Ray P. Reilly, delegate.....	220	Frank Stewart, delegate.....	21
E. W. Estes, past captain .....	220		

B. G. SEAMANS,  
J. F. DURSTON,  
GEO. F. CHESBRO,  
J. M. ALEXANDER,  
W. D. SPEAR.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—I move you, sir, that the supplementary report be accepted and the names be added to the roll of this Encampment.

Motion seconded by the Division Surgeon, Ira A. Allen.

By the Commander—The motion is that we adopt the supplementary report of the committee on credentials, and that the names be added to the roll.

Motion carried.

By the Commander—Are there any veterans or soldiers of the late war present unobligated? If so, will the comrades please arise?

[Veterans arise in different parts of the room.]

The Officer of the Day escorted them to the altar and they were there obligated.

By the Commander—We will now listen to the Division Council's report.

Report read by Charles Kinney, chairman of the Division Council.

[See report on page 40.]

George E. Johnson, 163—I move that it be referred to the committee on officers' reports.

Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—Is the committee on officers' reports ready to report?

Past Commander-in-chief Geo. W. Marks—The committee on officers' reports is not quite ready.

By the Commander—We will take up the report of the committee on resolutions.

E. W. Estes, 220—It is entire. Shall I take it up section by section, or not? [He commences to read the report.]

C. H. E. Moran, 25—Would it not be well to have it read entirely through first, and then adopt each section afterwards?

E. W. Estes, 220—Each section is by itself.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—It will give us a little time to reflect upon it if you take it up by sections, and not thrust too much upon us. I make it as a motion.

Motion seconded by H. P. Hollister, 64.

Motion put and carried.

Report of committee on resolutions read by Estes, chairman of division council.

### Resolution Committee's Report.

WAVERLY, N. Y., June 24th, 1896.

To the officers and members of the Thirteenth Annual Encampment New York Division, S. of V.:

Your committee on resolutions would respectfully submit the following report:

*Resolution No. 1:* Whereas, The inhabitants of Cuba are engaged in a sanguinary war for the purpose of achieving their Independence, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, the Sons of Veterans heartily sympathize with them in their unequal struggle for freedom, and believe that the



nations of the earth should extend to them the rights of belligerents, to which the success they have already achieved entitles them.

Your committee recommend the adoption of this resolution.

The following articles were submitted to your committee by Brother Spear:

The following changes in the assignments and duties of the officers named are respectfully submitted for your consideration, believing that such changes, if faithfully carried out, will prove of material benefit to the Order in this Division:

At the beginning of their respective terms of office, the inspector and chief mustering officer appoint assistant inspectors and assistant mustering officers to serve for the entire year unless sooner removed. The Division is divided into districts [determined both by the number of camps and their location] and placed under the supervision of these assistants as far as their respective departments are concerned. It shall be their duty to officially visit each camp once during each quarter. The assistant inspector shall look closely into the workings of the camp, correct errors, and give such advice and assistance as may be required or deemed advisable, and keep note of the general efficiency of the officers, etc., making a report to the inspector of the condition of affairs as he finds them, and what counsel, if any, he has given.

This will serve as a basis for comparison on his visit during the next quarter. The assistant mustering officer shall also visit each camp in his district once each quarter, and he is charged with looking into the matter of membership, ascertain the number of members, the number of men eligible to membership and not members of the Order, and also to see what methods are being used to induce them to join the Order.

He is also to counsel and advise [as far as lies in his power] the officers as to the best source to pursue in increasing the membership, and to aid in keeping up interest in the camp. He will report to his chief any action he may take, similar to the assistant inspector.

The inspector and mustering officer will tabulate their assistants' reports, and, selecting the best plans suggested by them, transmit them to the assistants to be used in their succeeding visits.

By this method the camps will receive the benefit of a number of men working directly for their welfare, the Division officers are in closer touch with the camps, and there is the incentive and enthusiasm in "a long pull, a strong pull," etc., while the annual inspection would be a much more satisfactory function than it is at present. The districts are to be arranged so that but as little expense as possible be incurred by the assistants, and this to be borne by the Division. The return in increased per capita tax should almost offset this.\*

Also have the camps in each district get together once in each quarter, and in conjunction with the Grand Army, Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies' Aid or Camp Auxiliary, hold a union camp-fire in a large hall and have a good rousing meeting, at which have as many "eligibles" as can be obtained. A number of recruits is the invariable result, and every one receives fresh energy in the good work.

It would seem also that if the senior and junior vice-commanders were each given supervision over half the Division, and all communications other than those intended for the adjutant and quartermaster be addressed to them and answered by them, that work at headquarters

could be materially lightened, and the Commander have more time to give to the Order at large, instead of being overwhelmed by detail work.

Of course, such communications and references as may require the Commander's personal attention would be forwarded to him for his consideration.

This may seem almost too elaborate, but a Division composed of 150 camps, many of them not in the best of shape, requires personal attention, and the Commander cannot do them justice. With his mind freed from the worry of trying to attend to his own business, and at the same time work harder than any bookkeeper ever thought of doing, he can better carry out his obligation to advance the interest and welfare of the Division.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,  
WM. D. SPEAR.

*Resolution No. 2:* Your committee believe that the recommendations contained in the above article contain some very excellent suggestions, but we feel that since the Division Commander has power to adopt the plan if he so desires, without any additional legislation on the part of this Encampment we would refer them to the incoming administration and recommend that a proper trial be given them. If an obligatory law regarding this matter be adopted here, it will entail expense which perhaps it will not be wise to meet. The incoming Commander, however, will have the power to carry out the plan and instantly stop its working if he finds it too expensive.

RESOLVED, That the plans submitted by Brother Spear be referred to the incoming Division Commander, and that he make final report at the Division Encampment.

*Resolution No. 3:* In the matter of the appeal of W. E. Cross Camp, No. 154, from the decision of Commander Macy regarding the status of a member, E. H. Lanning, of said camp, who had paid his dues to March 1st, 1896, yet was dropped in December, 1895,

RESOLVED, That we sustain the action of Colonel L. J. Macy and dismiss said appeal.

*Resolution No. 4:* Whereas, This Encampment has heard with deep sorrow of the recent severe illness of our worthy brother, Past Division Commander, W. Scott Oberdorf, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we deeply sympathize with Brother Oberdorf in his affliction, and are glad to know that he is now on the way to recovery.

RESOLVED, That we cordially urge the election of Brother Oberdorf as the Commander-in-chief, at the next national Encampment of the Commandery-in-chief, to be held at Louisville, Kentucky, believing that it will be of vast and material benefit to the Order.

RESOLVED, Further, That we pledge the votes of the delegates of the New York Division to the Commandery-in-chief to Brother Oberdorf and urge that they make every effort possible to bring about his election.

*Resolution No. 5:* At the last annual Encampment two newspapers, The Patriot, of New York, and the G. A. R. Journal, of Gouverneur, were endorsed as the official organs of this Division. The wisdom of this course is doubted by many who feel that there should be but one official organ. Your committee call the attention of the Encampment to this matter, without comment.

*Resolution No. 6:* RESOLVED, That we feel under deep obligations, and tender our thanks to Waverly Camp, No. 88, for their entertainment of this Encampment, and congratulate them upon the success achieved in the short time allowed them for preparation.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Encampment are also extended to the mayor of Waverly and citizens generally who have so cordially received us and made our stay with them so pleasant. We also thank the press of Waverly for courtesies extended.

RESOLVED, That Waverly Camp is to be congratulated upon having so efficient an auxiliary in the L. A. S. attached to their camp. Their good work has been apparent to us at every stage of this Encampment and their efforts in our behalf are thoroughly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. ESTES, Chairman.  
HENRY H. PARKER,  
F. P. CONNELL,  
SAML. M. BOWER.

Frank K. Maples, Division Inspector—I move that the report of this committee be accepted as read.

By a brother—It cannot be done now.

By a brother—Commander, it is now out of order.

By the Commander—It cannot be adopted now.

Mr. Estes, you will proceed with the report.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—I would like to ask if all the resolutions handed to this committee were reported in that report.

E. W. Estes, 220, Chairman of committee—No, sir; we received one resolution which we tabled. We have it here and will read it if desired. It is in reference to a political matter which ought not to be brought before this Encampment.

By the Commander—If so, it is objectionable.

Frank C. Wood, 9, Gloversville—I move the reading of the resolution. I do not think the brothers can thoroughly understand this resolution until they hear it read. I do not think there is a single brother here who would knowingly submit an improper resolution.

J. V. B. Clarkson, 140—I arise to a point of information. Is there any question before the house?

By the Commander—The report of the committee on resolutions is before the house. The house has decided that we hear the report in its entirety, and then section by section. It was so ordered.

J. V. B. Clarkson, 140—If that is so, I make this as point of order.

By the Commander—It is well taken.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—I asked this as a question of privilege. I presented resolutions which had not been read. I wanted to know what became of them.

E. W. Estes, 220—This matter was referred to us by the committee on officers' reports. Brother Moran's question has been submitted to some other committee.



The report of the committee on resolutions is here read in its entirety and then section by section.

Section 1 was here read by the Chairman of the committee on resolutions.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—I move its adoption.

Motion seconded by Div. Mustering Officer Maples.

Motion then put and carried.

Section 2 was then read by the Chairman.

W. D. Spear, 307—I ask that the recommendation of the committee be re-read.

Recommendation of the committee read again by Brother Estes.

Philip Reece, Division Inspector—I move the adoption of the section as read; rather the report of the committee as read.

Motion seconded by Division Chaplain Gray.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I wish to amend by striking out the words "with power to adopt all or any part."

John V. B. Clarkson, 140—I would arise to a point of information. Does the resolution of the committee instruct the officers to do what these resolutions call for, or is it a request? I would like to hear it read.

Resolution re-read.

John V. B. Clarkson, 140—The point I am about to raise is this: Any direction contrary to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, if adopted, would be null and void. The officers, of course, are not bound to obey it. I make a motion that all this resolution be stricken out, with the exception of the words, "that it be submitted to the incoming administration," with recommendation that it be submitted to the incoming administration.

E. W. Estes, 220—It will then read, if adopted, that the various suggestions submitted by Brother Spear be submitted to the Division Commander, with power to act or not.

Frank K. Maples, Division Mustering Officer—What I would like to know is this: In my report as mustering officer, there was a recommendation. Will the adoption of this report prevent action being taken upon my report?

By the Commander—They are not acting upon your resolution.

E. W. Estes, 220—That portion of the resolutions relating to W. D. Spear's suggestion, it was decided that it be read to the Encampment, that the same be given as a recommendation to the Division officers. It is as follows: "Resolved, That the plans submitted by W. D.

Spear be referred to the incoming Division Commander with power to adopt, if he so desires, and that he make final report upon them at the next Division Encampment." The resolution now reads: "Resolved, That the plans submitted by Brother Spear be referred to the incoming Division Commander." This is as now reported by the Committee.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I now move to strike out the words "with power to adopt all or any part of them."

Motion seconded by C. B. Burch, 105.

Motion put and carried.

W. C. Gray, Utica, Division Chaplain—Can the Commander make a report there, if he is not given power? How can he make a report?

By the Commander—He has all the power this Encampment can give him.

W. D. Spear, 307—I would like to ask if that motion of Brother Kinney has been adopted by the Encampment. It would seem that any reference to the Commander with power to act is not an instruction to act. The Commander has a right to decide what is right, and then go ahead. I do not think this Encampment should limit his authority. I do not see any reason for taking out the power to act.

By the Commander—I can make a statement. You can't say he shall act.

H. H. Parker, 9—I want to say to the members of this Encampment present, one word, in order that they will understand the recommendation of the committee. It is this: That while the committee were in favor of these changes, they dislike very much, as you all see, to put additional expense upon the Division this year, and so it was the idea of the committee that this resolution be referred to the incoming administration for their consideration; that next year this same resolution could be brought before the next annual Encampment for final decision, allowing the incoming administration to examine this matter, and then next year the Encampment could act upon it with the best interests of the order in view. With that understanding, there should be no objection. In other words, this matter should lay over one year.

E. W. Estes, 220—Brothers, it would be well to understand that there is nothing in these recommendations that is contrary to the C., R. and R., or the Division By-Laws. The Commander can adopt it without any recommendation from the Division. He is simply laying out a new system of holding our camps together and making

them better. It is a plan he can adopt if he sees fit. The fact of adopting an experimental law here would entail expense which it would not be wise to incur.

Frank K. Maples, Division Mustering Officer—That may be all true. This Division has been in existence about thirteen years, and going along on the same plan. This resolution is to divide up this work. I think that it is about time that we acted upon it. It would show to our incoming administration that it was the wish of this Encampment to take hold of this work and give it a trial. This resolution, if adopted, will call his attention to the fact that he give this a trial.

Philip Reece, Division Inspector—I understand the recommendation does not prevent the incoming officers from acting upon this. It is merely to place it for their consideration, and then to report upon the feasibility of the plan.

Past Division Commander Clarence E. Holmes—I have already voted twice adopting a report or recommendation. I now move the previous question on the question submitted by Brother Kinney.

J. V. B. Clarkson—I second the motion.

By the Commander—Brother Kinney, will you state the motion?

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I move to strike out the the words “with power to adopt all or any part of them.”

By the Commander—Are you ready for the question? Shall the previous question be now put?

Motion put and carried.

E. W. Estes, 220—I now call for the previous question.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—There is no objection; no reason for the previous question.

John V. B. Clarkson, 140—I arise to a point of order. The previous question has been ordered.

E. W. Estes, 220—The question now is upon the adoption of Brother Kinney’s motion.

Motion of Brother Kinney put and carried.

Third resolution read.

E. W. Estes, 220—I move its adoption.

Seconded by John V. B. Clarkson.

John V. B. Clarkson—I think that there are a good many present who do not understand the action upon the recommendation at all. I would like to be informed upon that.



E. W. Estes, 220:—It is very difficult on questions of appeal to bring them up in Encampment and explain them. A great deal in these cases is and must be left to the judgment of the committee. I will explain it as briefly as possible. It seems that Brother Lanning paid his dues in advance to March 1, this year. He paid that along last fall. Then he had some question with W. E. Cross Camp. An amount for which he became responsible came into his hands, amounting to \$9. Cross brought the matter before the camp. The camp carried that matter out of the books of the camp, and then the camp suspended him because he would not pay the \$9. In the meantime they had been paying the per capita tax on Lanning to Division Headquarters, and insisted upon that being returned, and the Colonel said that he refused to return it.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—I understand it now the Division Commander decides that Lanning is not in good standing.

By the Commander—He is in good standing according to the records of the New York Division.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I think it is well that the boys should know one or two more facts before voting on it. Your Commander has submitted to his Division Council the testimony in the case, and convinced us that Lanning had never been properly dropped. He was never suspended previous to being dropped. They convince us thoroughly that Colonel Macy could not properly rule in any other way. So your Division Council conferred with the committee, and the committee and the council both came to the conclusion that he could not properly act differently. They have examined the evidence and say that he has acted rightly.

Motion put and carried.

Fourth resolution read.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I move the adoption of the resolution as read.

Motion seconded by Brother Kennefic, 25.

Motion put and carried.

Fifth resolution read.

Thomas D. Rivers, 167—Commander and Brothers, in regard to this matter, there is perhaps a majority of the brothers here aware that I have the honor to be the editor of *The Patriot*, and, with my sire, the publisher of the same. It is to you my brothers that I make this appeal, for this reason, that as an official organ, a paper will assume an importance that cannot be taken upon

itself in any other way. I have done better so far in a business sense than I did last year. I know I have worked for the order and done the best I could. I do not want to take from the Grand Army Journal anything it deserves. I wish only for the nonor of being the official organ of this Division.

Past Commander George Addington—I move that the Grand Army Journal and The Patriot be continued as the official organs of the Division.

O. E. Witherell, 35—I second the motion.

Division Surgeon Ira A. Allen—I object to The Patriot as an official organ of the New York Division, on the ground that at the beginning of the year it did publish the Division orders but for some reason or other the orders suddenly ceased to be published.

W. D. Spear, 307—I am very loth to speak upon this subject. I have been a subscriber to The Patriot. I amend Brother Addington's motion, that the Grand Army Journal be designated as the official organ of this Division.

Seconded by Charles Kinney, Brocton.

Frank Wood, 9—I do not want to discuss the amendment. As Comrade Allen has stated that for some reason or other, he knew not what, the official orders of the Division were not published in The Patriot. Perhaps he does not know why these orders were not published in The Patriot; perhaps he had a reason. I do not think there should be partiality shown to a paper unless it is devoted to priucples detrimental to the Order. I think any paper which does anything for the Order should be encouraged. I do not think it is policy to officially endorse any paper to the detriment of any other.

George E. Johnson, 2—I would say that I have taken The Patriot and the Grand Army Journal for the past two years. I have read them. I think I am in a position to state the merits of either. I realize the necessity of recognizing one paper only as the official organ of this Order. It has been necessary for me to subscribe for two papers in order to keep in touch with the Order, and I think if you will think the matter over, you will realize that the only thing to do is to recognize one paper. The question is, which is the better.

Past Division Commander George Addington I do not want to prolong this discussion. I have no interest in the Grand Army Journal or The Patriot. This question came up at the last Encampment, in an effort to do away

with the Grand Army Journal. I favor the adoption of The Patriot in connection with the Grand Army Journal, as the official organs of this Division. It cannot do any harm to the Sons of Veterans. It may possibly do some good. I find many good things in them both and I must admit that I would like to see more. Here is a member of the Grand Army and one of our own boys. They are running these papers. If they want to be designated as official organs, either one of them, designate them. The boys all know both of these papers, and it seems to me they like them. It seems to me that this is simply a matter to take up time. Here is a brother who is the head of this paper. Let this go on and let this matter remain as last year. I hope the motion will prevail.

John V. B. Clarkson, 140—I heartily agree with every word Brother Addington has said. I think it will do a great deal of good to have two organs. I trust his sentiments will prevail.

Thos. Moran, 25—Commander, I am placed in a very awkward position. This is a subject that never should have been debated two minutes. They are good papers, both of them. The more friends we get, the better we are. Now, let us do as the Grand Army did when they wanted to be recognized. They simply said, "Go on." So I say with these papers, "Go on." They will all help us. I knew the Grand Army Journal when I used to roll it up in my watch pocket. In time it grew up so as to help the order, and now you have organized to help the Grand Army. I am surprised at the argument on this question. I have always promised I would be still here. Take them both. Make them both official papers.

J. H. Heightman, 28—I represent the largest camp in the state. I would like to say a few words. I have been taking the Patriot for the past three years and I can say that in those three years, I do not think I have missed the Patriot twice. If I want any information, I refer to the Patriot.

Frank Wood, 9—I believe that it is about time that this encampment got down to business. I move the previous question.

Seconded.

By the Commander—The vote will now occur upon the amendment.

Past Division Commander George Addington—I arise to a point of order. My point of order is that I made a motion that both of these papers be recognized as offi-



cial. An amendment was made that the Grand Army Journal be made the official organ. The vote will now occur upon the original motion.

By a Brother—I call for ayes and nays on that amendment.

By the Commander—The question is on the amendment. (It is lost.) It is now upon the original motion. (It is carried.)

Sixth resolution read.

By a Brother—I move its adoption.

Seconded.

George W. Marks, Past Commander-in-Chief—I move that we take a rising vote on this question.

Seconded.

Motion unanimously carried by a rising vote.

E. W. Estes, 220—I move that the committee be discharged.

John V. B. Clarkson, 140—I do not think that motion should prevail.

E. W. Estes, 220—I withdraw the motion.

W. T. Harris, 88—I move that we adjourn.

By the Commander—Do not do it yet.

E. W. Estes, 220—I would like to make a remark here. I would like to say to this Encampment and have it understand that this committee did not desire to throttle any resolutions, or the one here laid upon the table. If the brother wishes to call up the matter, I will be glad to read it and then you can declare it out of order if the Encampment desire.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—I desire to have it read.

E. W. Estes, 220—(Reads Resolution.) As an individual, and not as chairman of the committee, I move the adoption of the resolution and preamble.

Seconded.

By the Commander—As Commander of this Division, I rule it out.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I second the motion.

Frank Wood, 9—I had the honor of introducing that resolution, and I can assure you that its introduction was in the interest of the Union soldier. If the preamble can be adopted, the resolution can.

E. W. Estes, 220—Any discussion of your decision to strike this out, is out of order.

By the Commander—I so rule.

John V. B. Clarkson, 140—In order to bring that question before the house, I second the motion.

E. W. Estes, 220—The resolution you decided out of order was the latter part of it, not the balance of the resolution.

John V. B. Clarkson, 140—I arise to a point of order. The question of appeal is not debatable.

J. G. Bogart, 88—Please state the question before the house.

By the Commander—Brother Wood of Gloversville, appeals from the decision of the chair.

J. G. Bogart, 88—I arise to a point of order. The appeal comes too late. The question now comes upon the adoption of the motion.

By the Commander—The question now comes upon the appeal. The adjutant will call the roll.

By the the Commander—By unanimous consent of the house we can take the ayes and noes.

John V. B. Clarkson, 140—Is it absolutely necessary to have a roll call on an appeal from the decision of the chair? I move that it be by a viva voce vote.

Frank K. Maples, Division Mustering Officer—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

George E. Johnson, 2—Can the entertainment committee give us any information and let us know whether it is best to adjourn now on account of the rain this afternoon.

C. L. Demorest, 88—It appears now to be quite rainy outside. My suggestion would be that we take a recess until a certain time, say two o'clock. I imagine the wind is changing, and it may make a change in the weather. If by taking a recess it should stop raining this afternoon, we can shorten our line of march and have the parade. I feel as though we would like to have a parade. Our people have made arrangements for it. We have a lot of boys here. Waverly camp is proud of you. We want to show them up, and have planned for this parade. My suggestion is that when we take a recess, we take it until a certain time.

J. G. Bogart, 88—According to the suggestion of the brother of Camp 88, I would suggest that we adjourn to two o'clock. I make that motion.

Frank K. Maples, Division Mustering Officer—I second the motion.

By the Commander—I trust this matter will not be pressed now.

F. Jamerson, 45—I move that when this Encampment adjourns, it be until two o'clock this afternoon.

Reading of communications on the subject of railroad rates by Division Adjutant Byron G. Seamans.

Jac Wisel—I move that a committee of two be appointed in connection with this matter to assist the committee of arrangements for this Waverly Encampment.

Motion seconded.

By the Commander—I have an agreement with the Trunk Line Association through the kindness of Brother Johnson. The motion now is that a committee of two be appointed to arrange the matter with the railroad officials.

George E. Johnson, 2—I would state that there are present in this town the passenger agents of the Louisville and Ohio railroads, with whom I am treating for rates to the Louisville Encampment.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—I appoint on that committee George E. Johnson, Jac Wisel and John V. B. Clarkson.

By Division Adjutant—I have here greetings from Past Division Commander Oberdorf, which I will read.

DANSVILLE, N. Y., June 22, 1896.

MY DEAR COLONEL:—

Were my body as strong as my desires, I would be with you this week. As I lie here on my bed of sickness, many, many times I think of you all, wishing that I could take you by the hand as of old, be in the Encampment and join in its work. For the first time since I have been a member of the order, I miss a State Encampment. But I am regaining my health gradually and steadily, so that many weeks will not roll away before I shall be stronger than ever before; more desirous than ever to help forward our noble cause, and more able than ever to throw energy, brain and time into our efforts for the most altruistic mission outside the church—the mission of the Sons of Veterans. God bless you all, and believe me to be,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

W. S. OBERDORF.

By Past Division Commander George Addington—I move that the communication be received and spread upon the minutes of the Encampment, and that the following telegram be sent him: "We send you greetings and best wishes for your speedy recovery."

Motion seconded by Division Mustering Officer Frank K. Maples.

By the Commander—All in favor of sustaining the chair in this decision will manifest it by the sign of the Order. \* \* \* \* Contrary the same. \* \* \* \* It is carried.

George W. Marks, past Commander-in-chief—I call for the question on the original motion.

Frank Wood, 9—I move it be adopted.



Past Commander-in-chief George W. Marks—I second Brother Wood's motion.

Motion put and carried.

M. J. Baker, 88—Has a committee been appointed to visit the ladies yet?

E. W. Estes, 220—I move that a committee of five be appointed, of whom Brother Holmes shall be chairman and which shall consist of any four whom you may appoint except chairmen of committees.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I move to amend by striking out the words "except chairmen of committees."

Motion carried.

By the Commander—I will appoint on that committee Brothers Holmes, Addington, Estes, Kinney, and Montague.

By the Commander—Gen. Clary would like to speak to you a moment.

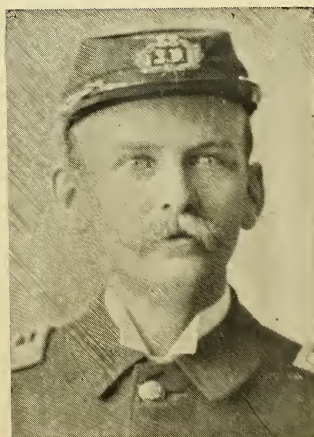
General Clary—Commander and Comrades: I have been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic since 1867. During your convention I have been interested in the work. I feel it my duty as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic and a well-wisher of the Sons of Veterans, to say a few words before we part. Immediately after the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, there was a great deal of political discussion throughout the country, and a great many members of the Grand Army of the Republic took a very active part in both great political parties of the United States at that time. They became a great detriment to our Order and came near breaking up the organization. A great many comrades withdrew from the Order on account of such things. I am glad to see that this Encampment took such action on the resolution which was voted down. You cannot be any too careful in guarding against it and keeping politics out of your Order. This is what makes the Grand Army of the Republic so powerful throughout the United States. By keeping politics out of the organization, the Grand Army commands the respect of all the boys and of the people. I am glad you have taken such action upon this subject. In the Grand Army of the Republic we respect each man's opinion. All denominations and nationalities are represented in that organization. We are all Americans. With these few remarks, I thank you for your attention.

Three cheers were given for Gen. Clary.



**H. C. H. COOPER, Alternate-at-Large.**

(For Biography see page 112).



**C. L. DEMOREST, Junior Vice-Commander.**

(For Biography see page 110).





Philip Reece, Division Inspector—I move that we adjourn.

Motion duly seconded, put and carried, whereupon the Encampment adjourned, pursuant to former motion, to 2:30 o'clock, P. M.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 2:30 P. M.

Division Commander Macy in the chair.

By the Commander—We will now proceed with the roll call.

Moved by Brother Chesbro that the roll call be dispensed with.

Seconded by Brother Jac Wisel.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—I am requested to announce here that arrangements have been made for fixing the railroad certificates, and those having them will present them to Geo. E. Johnson. He is authorized to endorse them.

George E. Johnson—It makes no difference what railroad they are given on. There is an arrangement at the ticket office for two-thirds fare on them on being presented at the ticket office.

By the Commander—We are now under the head of the 12th order of business. Is the ritual committee ready to report?

Thomas D. Rivers, 167, of the committee, here reads the report.

#### Ritual Committee's Report.

WAVERLY, N. Y., June 24, 1896.

To the Thirteenth Annual Encampment Division of New York, S. of V., U. S. A.:

The committee on ritualistic work respectfully reports that no recommendations have been received. This committee, however, most emphatically disapproves the present three degree ritual, and recommends a return to the old ritual, with such changes in minor detail as may suggest themselves to the wisdom of the Commandery-in-chief.

GEO. B. FISH, Chairman,  
C. B. BURCH,  
CHAS. H. E. MORAN,  
THOS. D. RIVERS,  
M. J. BAKER.

By the Commander—What is to be done with this report?

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I move that the report be accepted, and the recommendation be concurred in.

O. E. Spencer, 199—I second the motion.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—I think it would be well to wait for the chairman of the committee. I think it would be well to lay it over until he returns. He comes here with word from the lower parts of this state. They are all in favor of this recommendation. There were two in favor of this recommendation, and two against it—Comrade Rivers and myself.

By the Commander—If there is no objection, we will defer action until Brother Fish comes back.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I am willing to give the authors of that bill a chance to state their case, and will waive my motion for the present.

By the Commander—Is the Division Chaplain ready to report?

Division Chaplain here reads report. [For report see page 40.]

Adopted.

By the Commander—Is the committee on officers' reports ready?

Past Commander-in-chief George W. Marks here starts to read report.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—Would it not be well to have these resolutions adopted as read, if there is no objection? I make this as a motion.

O. E. Witherell, 35—I second the motion.

Motion thereupon put and carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Marks reads the report.

### Report of Committee on Officers' Reports.

WAVERLY, June 22d, 1896.

To the officers and brothers of the 13th Annual Encampment assembled:

Commander—Your committee respectfully submits to you the following: That the several reports of the officers of the Division prove conclusively that the Commander used wisdom and judgment in the selection of his entire staff. We therefore report as follows:

#### COMMANDER'S REPORT.

The report of our honored Commander gives in detail a thorough and complete record of the work of the Division the past year, and the recommendations made show a thorough interest in the Order and an earnest en-



deavor to devise means for the advancement and benefit of the Order. All of the recommendations are earnestly endorsed and concurred in by your committee.

Our language cannot adequately express our appreciation and that of the Division for the grand work of our Division Commander. Two years ago he entered upon the duties of Commander with many drawbacks. How well he succeeded in the first term we know from the report of the last annual Encampment, and to-day, at the end of his second term of office, he lays down the reins of the government of the Division with honor and credit to himself, and leaves the Division in good, healthy condition, both numerically and financially. Commander Macy has had the highest honors that this Division can confer. While to-day he retires from office, his work for the Order will continue in the ranks, and in the near future this Division will endeavor to secure for him further and higher honors. We cannot express ourselves in words. Our Commander must accept the will for the deed. Lewis J. Macy is a man in the true sense of the word. As an officer he knew no friend or foe in the Order—he dealt justly with all—always having in mind that his brothers were Sons of Veterans. In the future the name Macy will be synonymous with the Sons of Veterans. Commander Macy, God speed you and God bless you.

Recommendation No. 1, Division Commander's report, read.

Adopted.

Recommendation No. 2 read.

Adopted.

Recommendation No. 3 read.

Adopted.

Recommendation No. 4 read.

Adopted.

Recommendation No. 5 read.

E. W. Estes, 220—I arise here to make a few remarks before making any motion. In fact I do not know as I will make a motion, but I would like to have the privilege of making a few remarks, if there is no objection. The state of Pennsylvania has devoted \$250 for the purpose of paying part of the expenses of all the delegates to the National Encampment at Louisville. They will go twenty-two strong, probably. We are entitled to nine votes besides our Colonel and Past Division Commanders. This Division has been accustomed to pay the car fare of the Colonel and delegate-at-large. The result has been



our delegations have not been large, but have been confined to those who could pay their own expenses. We have put forward for the office of Commander-in-chief a brother whom we all love, and it seems to me, and there is no doubt, that when we are almost upon the point of winning success for him, that we ought to be willing to make some sacrifice for him in the coming canvass. Is it not possible for us to raise \$150, and thus pay about \$20 apiece to the eight delegates who go and who need that money to pay their expenses, if we increase our per capita tax? I know it is an unpopular measure, and unless unanimous, I do not want it to prevail. If we can increase our per capita tax from one-half to three-quarters, it will bring in about \$150. I ask you to consider this, whether we can do so or not. I move you that for the next two quarters, the per capita tax be fifteen cents, and for the balance of the year it be twelve and one-half cents a quarter.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I second the motion.

By the Commander—You will have to commence this with the quarter beginning July 1. That will be the quarters ending September 30 and December 31.

John V. B. Clarkson, 140—I think that the expenses of the delegates will be about \$75 apiece, legitimate expenses. If we have a candidate, the expenses of the men representing this Division will, of course, be heavier. The railroad fare will probably be from \$12 to \$20, depending where they live. I am a member of the transportation committee for the Encampment. We have arranged a one fare rate, and perhaps will get it to one cent a mile. We have nine delegates and one delegate-at-large. Pennsylvania will send about twenty delegates. New York must have as large a delegation as possible. I think there are a large number in this Division who will send to the incoming administration a subscription to pay the expenses of the delegates. There are two sources of expense—expense of time and expense of money. There are other men who can afford the money. I think that we can all of us at least spend five cents apiece for the election of a Commander-in-chief from this Division, and especially Scott Oberdorf. I do not believe there is a camp in this Division that will not cheerfully give their mite to help this along.

Past Division Commander Clarence E. Holmes—I am heartily in sympathy with this motion. But I do think it would be a very dangerous precedent for us to

establish spasmodically an increase in per capita tax. I agree with Brother Clarkson in what he has said. I believe that this Division would expend its money for a good purpose to place Brother Oberdorf in the office of Commander-in-chief. I feel that we can raise this money in some other way than by increasing our per capita tax in this way. I would be heartily in favor that all the delegates elected at this Encampment should have their railroad expenses paid out of the money of the Division, but I am not in favor of increasing the per capita tax. I would be very glad at the proper time to have the privilege of making a motion that this Division pay the railroad fare of each delegate elected.

H. Munroe Ford, 52—I agree with the words of Past Commander Holmes, that we should not change the per-capita tax of this Division. I agree with the remarks of Brother Kinney. Some delegates will pay their own expenses. Those who will not, can have their money paid them. I pledge Merriam Camp for \$10.

Frank K. Maples, Division Mustering Officer—I think this question should be discussed by every camp in the room. There are camps which cannot give, having to stand in a position of competition, and find it extremely hard to make both ends meet. So if funds were needed in the Division, I am sure a subscription can be taken up in this Encampment as suggested by Brother Kinney, a petition circulated, and thus perhaps raise this \$200 by subscription.

C. H. E. Moran—I think Estes properly expressed it when he said it was an unpopular idea, when you attempt to increase the per capita tax. Now there are a number of struggling camps in this Division. To raise the per capita tax in these camps would be wrong, and I for one would vote against it.

E. W. Estes, 220—I withdraw my motion. I move that the report of the committee be concurred in.

Motion seconded, put and carried.

Recommendation No. 6 read and adopted.

#### DIVISION ADJUTANT'S AND QUARTERMASTER'S REPORTS.

The reports of the Division Adjutant and Quartermaster are worthy of nothing but the highest praise that your committee can bestow. Their work has been laborious, yet never for a moment has it been neglected, and to these brothers who have made so many sacrifices we say, "Well done thou faithful ones; the Division fully appreciates your labors, and says, 'God bless you both.'"

## JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER'S REPORT.

The report of the Junior Vice-Commander is worthy mention, for it clearly proves by the work accomplished by him that he has the very best interests of the Order at heart, being instrumental in the organizing of two camps and has at least two more under way. The Order wants just such men as these, who know the way to bring the New York Division where it belongs—on top.

## DIVISION SURGEON'S REPORT.

In reference to the Division Surgeon's report, your committee concurs in recommendation No. 1, viz:—

That the delegates of this Division be requested to use their best endeavors to have the question "Number of members mustered (including charter members)" placed at the head of the list of regular questions in the blank camp captain's surgeon's report.

## Recommendation No. 2:—

That the Division Surgeon be allowed a sufficient sum of money for the printing of circular orders in reference to the work of his office to camp captains. Said expense to be paid him upon the receipt at Division Headquarters of the proper vouchers therefor.

This recommendation was not concurred in, as we believe the Council and Division would and should audit any reasonable expense incurred in the proper discharge of the duties of this office.

Brother Ira A. Allen as Division Surgeon has conducted the work of his office in a very efficient manner. The records of the past year shows an application to duty that cannot help but frame words of the heartiest commendation, and we feel sure that an appreciative membership will always give credit to whom credit is due. Brother Allen, in a faithful discharge of the duties entrusted to his care, has endeared himself to his associates, and our commendation is always ready for him who will give the loyalty of his membership, its practical efficiency.

## DIVISION INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The report of Division Inspector Philip Reece shows that every care and attention has been given to every detail in the preparation of his report and we take pleasure in commending him to this Encampment for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office. The office of inspector is not a sinecure by any means, but one that requires the greatest care and patience. Of him it can be said, "Thou hast done all things well."



## DIVISION CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

The report of the Division Chaplain was most concise and complete, and proves the chaplain to have filled to the very letter all the requirements that the office called for. He has done his full duty and done it well.

## DIVISION COUNCIL'S REPORT.

We are highly pleased with the report of the Division Council, and wish to say that they certainly have done their duty in an admirable manner, and the thanks of the whole Division is due to them, as they have spent a considerable sum from their own resources, and we believe they have had nothing but the best interest of the Division at heart in all the difficult matters that have come before them.

## JUDGE ADVOCATE'S REPORT.

The report of Judge Advocate George S. Tarbell contains in a concise and complete form the questions submitted to him the past year and the opinions on said various questions. While the report is brief, the opinions are numerous and entailed considerable labor, and the learned opinions submitted will in the future be of much value to the Order.

## MUSTERING AND INSTALLING OFFICER'S REPORT.

This report shows how very earnestly and how most thoroughly the duties of this office have been fulfilled by the mustering officer, leaving bright examples for his successor to follow. He deserves the thanks of this Encampment for the interest thus shown and the work he has accomplished.

Recommendation No. 1—Committee does not concur.

All of which is most respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

GEORGE H. MARKS, Chairman,  
 GEORGE ADDINGTON,  
 A. G. COURTNEY,  
 ADAM C. LISTMAN,  
 WM. B. MOYNIHAN.

Frank K. Maples, 20—I arise to object to the adoption of the report of the committee.

Past Division Commander Holmes—I move that the report of the committee be adopted.

Willis Sager, 18—I second the motion.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I believe to adopt this plan as set forth would be the height of foolishness for

this Division. We would complicate matters. We would take from the Commander of this Division the work which belongs to him, and place it in the hands of others. If he wants to adopt any of these new plans for organization, he can, and there are some of these recommendations which are good, but the plan is not good.

Frank K. Maples, Division Mustering Officer—That recommendation was not brought to this Convention for the purpose of creating strife in this Division. It was brought here after careful thought and one year's experience in office in this Division. The largest camp to-day, was worked up by your mustering officer. If there is any nonsense in this motion, throw it out. I hope the recommendation of the committee will not be concurred in.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—The gentleman says that the subordinates of the mustering officer shall attend to the muster of different camps. Of course, he does not presume that it will be possible that the funds at hand for the mustering officer will allow him to go about all parts of the state. He must depend upon his appointments to have this work properly done. Is it more probable that this mustering officer will appoint any more intelligent men than the Division Commander?

Frank K. Maples, 20, Division Mustering Officer—I arise to a point of order. There is nothing said about the mustering officer appointing any assistants, but that he recommend them to the Division Commander.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I would like to hear from the committee.

By the Division Commander—We will listen to the committee's reading of this report.

Report re-read.

By the Division Commander—The point is well taken.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I yield myself to the point of order. The Division mustering officer is not more liable to recommend good men for the offices than the Commander has undertaken to do. The parallel that has been drawn between the two offices I do not believe is fairly drawn. I fear that we will never get the proper material to muster, but if a man has got a camp together he has the welfare of the Division enough at heart to entitle him to muster the camp.

By the Division Commander—The question now is that the recommendation of the committee be concurred in.

Motion put and carried.

E. W. Estes, 220—Is that all of that report? I have something from the report of the committee on resolutions. The resolution was handed to us. "To the thirteenth annual Encampment," etc. The following resolution, offered by Brother Montague, of Troy, is concurred in by this committee, excepting we have substituted "6 months." "Resolved, That this convention recommend to the National Encampment," etc. I move its adoption.

Ira A. Allen, Division Surgeon—I second the motion.

W. E. Montague—In offering that resolution, I did so advisedly, because in our camp, recently organized, members whom we understand never cared for the work in the Order, received all of the advantages of being members, and at the same time paid nothing. It came to our knowledge that they went out and attended camps of the G. A. R., and passed as regular members of Camp Tibbs.

Recommendation of committee adopted.

George B. Fish, 40—I left the report in charge of Brother Rivers.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—I think the adjutant should read it. It is not very long.

Adjutant reads report.

By the Commander—Are we to understand that this is the unanimous report of the committee?

George B. Fish, 40—It is.

H. C. H. Cooper, Senior Vice-Commander—I move the adoption of the report.

H. E. Gregory, 88—I second the motion.

By a Brother—I believe that there is a motion before the house, that the report of this committee be not concurred in. I move as a substitute that it be concurred in.

H. E. Gregory, 88—I second the substitute.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I hope this substitute will not prevail. We went to work and produced a three-degree ritual. Why did we do it? Because we knew our ritual was too simple. When a member came into a camp he got his whole membership in a few hours. It was the better plan that we should render his initiation impressive; that we should go to work and make three degrees so that he would get well acquainted with us in the three degrees. Under the old ritual, we have him in only that one night. They came in and you never saw them again. Many camps have gone to work and prepared themselves with paraphernalia in these degrees.



We have too much legislation. We do not let a thing stand long enough. Let us be stable for once.

Division Surgeon Ira A. Allen—I think it very unwise to support this motion, as it takes us back to the old ritual. This Encampment will endorse Oberdorf for Commander-in-chief. If the delegates go to Louisville with the idea of antagonizing the other Divisions, it will injure our prospects. This must be considered, as well.

George E. Johnson, 2—I desire to say that nothing has contributed so much to our success as a camp as the three-degree ritual. We have invested over \$60 in paraphernalia. While it might be made better in some respects, I honestly believe that this Order should have more work. Take the orders that have attained prominence in this country. They have work to be done. Ritualistic work is one of the foundations of secret societies. Increase the interest of the members by properly carrying out the ritual. Camp 2 indorses it.

Division Chaplain W. C. Gray—I wish to indorse what my brother on the left has said. We find it in our camp a success. I do not wish to have it stricken out. If they would thoroughly work the degrees they would not desire to have it stricken out.

O. C. Spencer, 199—I heartily concur in what Brothers Johnson and Kinney have said. I further say that if it had not been for the three-degree ritual, Camp 199 would not have been in existence to-day. As other brothers can vouch for what I say, we do the work first-class. I hope this resolution will not prevail.

John Kenific, 25—I believe that the three-degree ritual is the best thing we can have for our Order.

Samuel Bower, 26—I am surprised that a captain of a camp should recommend the striking out of the three-degree ritual. If they have performed their duty, they will know that different camps have expended considerable money in getting ready for it. It has cost us over \$100 to get our ritualistic work perfected.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—A question of privilege. This motion was laid one side so that the chairman of the committee could express his views.

Thomas Moran, 25—I would arise for information. Has Brother Fish anything to say upon this question?

George B. Fish, 40—This is the sentiment of Camp 40. We spent over \$650 in the past year. Our experience is in our vicinity in Tompkins county, that there is only

one camp where there used to be forty. It is very well in large cities, with a membership of sixty men.

By the Commander—Brother Kinney's motion was that this recommendation be concurred in.

Motion put and carried.

George E. Johnson, 2—The committee on constitution, rules and regulations will submit their report to-morrow morning.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I move we take a recess until 8:30 to-morrow morning.

Motion seconded.

W. D. Spear, 307—If I understood Brother Demorest correctly, the local committee had arranged for a trolley ride at 8:30.

Motion to adjourn put and carried.

#### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 9:15 A. M.

Commander Macy in the chair.

C. L. Demorest, 88—Commander, I would like to have ability like some of the boys. In behalf of Waverly Camp, 88, and the citizens of Waverly, I want to extend to this Encampment our sincere thanks for the way you turned out in that parade. We were anxious for that parade. We had advertised it. The people were looking for it. The parade was a success. It was appreciated by the people of our town. We are glad you came here. Up to this morning we had things pretty near on schedule. We had advertised for this morning a trolley excursion. We have told you about this fully. We are going to take you out in a body. On account of important business to come before the Encampment at this morning session, we have deferred this until this afternoon. We want as many to stay for that as possible. We do not think we have a claim on you for this. This trip is planned and paid for and we want as many to go as can. We had arranged previously to have a photograph of this Encampment taken during the parade. Our official photographer here has gone to some expense to prepare to take this photograph, and will give you a good one. We want this Encampment to set a time for the taking of this photograph. It will be taken upon Broad street. We can assemble there and get this all over in a short time from the time we leave the hall. I feel that a large number of the delegates present would like to get one as a souvenir of this Encampment.



By the Commander—We will now open under the head of the twelfth order of business. Is the Ladies' Aid committee ready to report?

Past Division Commander Holmes—We would state that your committee has waited upon the Ladies' Aid Society and has met them this morning while in session. We were cordially received. We expressed as best we could the well wishes of this Division for the ladies and also thanked them for the entertainment they had given us while here. They wished this committee to thank your convention for the kindness and consideration shown them.

By the Commander—I would like to say at this time, I expected to have a surprise for this Encampment. I expected to have with us, Lieutenant-Governor Saxton. He was called away and could not get here.

George Wood, 42—The committee on constitution, rules and regulations is ready to report.

By the Commander—We will now listen to that report.

George E. Johnson reads report.

### C., R. and R. Committee's Report.

To the thirteenth annual Encampment of the New York Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Your committee on C., R. and R. begs leave to submit the following report:

Four recommendations were submitted for our consideration, as follows:

First. That Article III, Section I, on salaries, be so amended that the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars be changed to read three hundred dollars (\$300.)

Your committee do not concur.

Second: That 10 per cent. be added to the price of all supplies and in consideration thereof the Division shall prepay all charges on the same.

Your committee does not concur and begs leave to state that this is contrary to the C., R. and R. as amended at Knoxville, which provides that camps shall pay only 25 per cent. in excess of the amount charged.

Third. That the Division inspector shall, upon assuming control of his office, appoint an assistant inspector for each county of the Division (except New York and Kings counties.) It shall be the duty of such assistant inspector to inspect all camps in the county to which he has been assigned, and to make such returns to the Division inspector as may be required of him.

In the counties of New York and Kings the Division inspector shall appoint as many assistant inspectors as he may deem necessary to make a proper inspection.



Your committee does not approve and would strongly advise that the inspector be allowed to exercise his own judgment in making all subdivisions and arranging for the inspection thereof.

Fourth. § 1. That the Division quartermaster's department be established and made permanent ; that the Division quartermaster be made directly accountable to the Division Commander, indemnifying the Division against loss by a bond of not less than \$1,000, in a surety company, to be approved by the Division council.

Further, That the Division quartermaster shall be elected by the Division Encampment for a term of three years and shall serve at an annual salary of \$300, payable in 12 monthly installments of \$25 each. The headquarters rent, light and fuel shall be maintained without expense to the Division.

This section shall take effect at this Encampment.

§ 2. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Division quartermaster, the Division council shall appoint an acting quartermaster to fill the position until the first regular meeting of the Division, and at such meeting a Division quartermaster shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

Your committee does not deem it wise to legislate inasmuch as the conditions applicable to the office of quartermaster-general do not exist in the Division quartermaster's department, and in our judgment the adoption of the above resolution would cause unavoidable confusion and delay.

In conclusion we would recommend that a committee of three be appointed to thoroughly revise the Division by-laws, said committee to report at the next Division Encampment.

Signed,

GEORGE WOOD, Chairman  
 GEORGE E. JOHNSON, Secretary,  
 JOHN F. MURPHY,  
 H. MUNROE FORD,  
 GEORGE M. MATHEWS.

June 24, 1896.

E. W. Estes, 220—This committee has been very conservative and is entitled to the thanks of this Encampment. They do not recommend any changes. I move you, sir, without any further reading, that this report be adopted as a whole, without any further debate.

J. G. Bogart, 88—I second the motion.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—I am very much interested in a few of those resolutions, and I understood at a meeting held here yesterday we decided to read those through first and then take them up in sections. As the committee has concurred, it would not be well to take any of the time of the convention. The section with regard to the

Division Quartermaster is constitutional. The Division of Pennsylvania has done so. I am interested in this resolution. As a committee has to be appointed next year, we will probably have these same resolutions.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—I would appoint as a committee on Division By-Laws, as recommended by the committee on constitution, rules and regulations, Brothers Johnson, Wisel and J. F. Murphy of Brooklyn.

Motion made by E. W. Estes, Clayton, and seconded by H. M. Ford, Syracuse, 52, that we proceed to select a place for the next Encampment.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—Any new business to come before this Encampment?

O. E. Witherell, 35—I came here from Auburn for my camp, to ask that the next Division Encampment meet at Auburn. I do not propose to make any extensive promises. If you will come there we will guarantee you a good time. It is centrally located, and an easy place to reach. And so far as a Ladies' Aid Society is concerned it is safe to say that within the next two or three months we will have a Ladies' Aid Society. Camp 35 is ready and capable of taking care of the next state Encampment, and to do it in good shape.

H. M. Ford, 52—Commander, on behalf of the Syracuse delegation, to show our friendly feeling for the Auburn boys, I heartily second the suggestion and hope that Auburn will be the place for holding the next annual Encampment.

J. M. Diven, 77—I wish to present the claims of Elmira, N. Y. We have the same facilities there that they have here. The Pennsylvania Encampment will be held just across the line. It is suggested that these Encampments be held at the same time. As far as a Ladies' Aid Society is concerned, we will have one. I present the name of Elmira for the next Encampment.

S. M. Bower, 26—I have come here to do something in behalf of Morrisanna. I ask you to accept the hospitality of 26, of upper New York, and invite you all to come. While most of you know what New York city is, few of you know what Morrisanna is. We are surrounded by some of the most beautiful parks in the state, and still we are within a short distance of the heart of the city and we can accommodate all organizations which come to us. We will try and make it most

pleasant and profitable for the Division of New York. We believe, if you will accept our invitation, you will come into our camp to be received with that charity, loyalty and friendship for which our camp is noted. We offer you the best facilities possible for arrival there. We hope that you will come to the upper part of the city of New York.

J. D. Hope, 67—I arise to second the proposition of Brother Diven, of Elmira. Any one acquainted with him will know that if the Encampment is held there, they will have no cause to complain. We will have an excursion to Watkin's Glen, a short distance up, and I feel sure if you come there, it will be one of the banner Encampments of the state.

Frank K. Maples, 20—I have but little to say on this subject. I am sure if this convention will come down the state, it will benefit the Order in that section. Come down and help us, and enthuse the Order down there.

Past Commander Adolph Hoeffling—I am a resident of the city of Brooklyn, and I wish to state in a few words that individually I would like to see this Encampment in the city of Brooklyn. I think it ought to be held a little further down the state. In fact, I have attended every convention since 1882. I would like to see the Encampment located in the city of Brooklyn and New York. I therefore heartily second and endorse the motion made by Brother Bower that the convention goes in 1897 to Morrisanna.

J. M. Diven, Elmira, 77—As to the claims of the southern part of the state, Elmira stands within just 25 rods of the southern boundary of the state.

J. G. Bogart, 88—For a long time, it was considered that any camp which took this Encampment, that it meant sure death to the camp. Syracuse has taken it a couple of times. There is no death up there. We have it here this year only as a substitute. We believe that there will be no death here. Elmira is, of course, near here. Outside of Middleport, there has been no western Encampment for some time. The great city of Buffalo, which could give us five or six hundred or a thousand members, has none. We believe we have thoroughly enthused Waverly with the belief that the Sons of Veterans is something more than a little body or order of boys. Up here only eighteen miles is the city of Elmira. Elmira, for a city of its size, has more veterans than any city in the state of New York, or the United States. She is



known as a loyal city. We cannot conscientiously support any other city than Elmira. It has a man at the head of the camp there who is certainly a business man and a loyal and true Son of a Veteran, and he would make the Elmira Encampment one of great success. By holding it there, you would enthuse the western end of the state. Let us stir up enthusiasm in the west. If we are going to be the great Empire Division, we must enthuse it all over the state.

George E. Johnson, 2—I desire to state for the information of some of the delegates, as there is an impression that Yonkers wants the next Encampment, we do not want it in '97. When we do want the Encampment we will come here and ask for it; when we are ready to entertain you.

C. E. Seider, 14—I indorse the statement of Brother Bower, for holding the Encampment there at Morrisanna. Have the Encampment meet there in the southern part of the state. We have two-thirds of the population. If we increase there our Order will increase out in the great Western cities. We have to come up here and pay what none of these brothers do. Our fare comes to more and we cannot get a Commander or anything else, and there I think the Encampment should be held, in the southeastern part of the state, for once.

H. C. H. Cooper, Rochester—If you want to do any missionary work in the western part of the state, now is the time to do it. We know that the western part of the state has no life; that it is practically dead. There is a pretty spot in this state which will stand a convention and will give the brothers of this state a chance to enjoy themselves as well as in any city in the New York Division. If this convention wants to do business in the western part of the state, Jamestown will entertain them on the Chautauqua lake. They will royally entertain you. In eighteen hours I raised enough money to care for this convention this year, if you had desired to go there.

W. T. Harris, 88—If you decide to go to Elmira, you will remember that there, during the late war, a rebel prison camp was located, and that, instead of sending them home starved to death, they sent them home well fed and well clothed.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—I move that the nominations be now closed and that we proceed to ballot.



**CHAS. D. HIGGINS, Chairman Division Council.**  
(For Biography see page 111.)





Motion seconded by Division Adjutant B. G. Seamans.

Motion put and carried.

Frank K. Maples, 20—I withdraw the name of Brooklyn.

By the Commander—We will call the roll. The captain will arise in his place and cast the vote of his camp.

John V. B. Clarkson, 140—Will the various brothers of the delegation arise in their places at that time, so that there can be no question on the vote.

By the Commander—That is the usual course. I would appoint as tellers, H. E. Alexander and C. B. Burch. The adjutant will now proceed with the roll call. The captain or alternate-at-large will head his delegation and announce the vote.

H. C. H. Cooper, Rochester—I wish to withdraw the name of Jamestown.

The adjutant commences the roll call of the camps.

A drum corps from the Elmira camp here entertains the Encampment with several selections.

Vote closed.

Result announced as follows:

Auburn, 69.

Elmira, 41.

Morrisanna, 22.

By the Commander—There is no choice.

J. M. Diven, 77—I move that we proceed to a formal ballot.

George B. Fish, 40—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—We will now proceed again with the roll call. The adjutant will call the roll.

Adjutant proceeds with the roll call of camps to the close.

Result announced by the tellers as follows:

Elmira, 45.

Auburn, 70.

Morrisanna, 5.

J. M. Diven, 77—I move to make the selection of Auburn unanimous.

Samuel Bower, 26—I second the motion, on behalf of Morrisanna, and I thank the brothers for the support they have given Camp 26, and say that we appreciate their efforts in our behalf.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—We will now listen to the supplementary report of the committee on resolutions.

### Resolutions Committee's Supplementary Report.

To the thirteenth annual Encampment:

Your committee on resolutions would offer the following supplementary report:

The following resolution, offered by Brother Bontecon, of Troy, is concurred in by this committee, excepting we have substituted "three months" instead of "sixty days:"

RESOLVED, That this convention recommend to the national Encampment for action the following, as an amendment to the C., R. and R. of our Order :

That the time in which any member of a camp, after having been duly notified by the camp quartermaster, can be suspended be three months and that the time after which a member who has been suspended can be dropped from the rolls be three months.

Your committee move the adoption of the said resolution.

E. W. ESTES, Chairman,  
H. H. PARKER, Secretary,  
SAMUEL M. BOWER,  
F. P. CONNELL.

On motion, the report was adopted.

W. D. Spear, 307—I wish to say to you and the Encampment here that yesterday on the spur of the moment I made a pledge of \$35 for Scott Oberdorf as Commander-in-chief. I wish to announce that the money is collected and is ready to be handed over. I now move that a committee be appointed to receive subscriptions to be known as a fund to pay the expenses of delegates to the national Encampment.

J. F. Durston, 52—Under the head of miscellaneous business, I would like to move that the cuts of the Division officers be inserted in the proceedings, the retiring officers to furnish the cuts.

H. M. Ford, 52—I would like to suggest that the names of the committee be added to this motion.

By the Commander—Put that in another motion.

Motion seconded.

Motion put and carried.

H. M. Ford, 52—I move that the cuts of the local committee and also of the Ladies' Aid Society be in that same book.

J. F. Durston, 52—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—As the K. O. C. has taken so much interest in this matter, I ask them to name the committee.

W. D. Spear, 307—We take all favors coming our way. I would name Lewis J. Macy, H. C. H. Cooper and W. D. Spear.

Geo. H. Hammond, 136—Our camp is a small camp but we are keeping our camp up in very good order with a very few members. I want to say that as a camp I pledge that camp for \$25 for this purpose.

O. C. Spencer, 199—I now move that we proceed to the election of officers.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—Are there any outstanding committees to be discharged?

By the Commander—The credentials committee and the committee on resolutions have not been discharged.

Division Surgeon Ira A. Allen—I move that these committees be discharged with the thanks of this Encampment.

O. E. Witherell, 35—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—Is there anything further under the head of miscellaneous business?

O. C. Spencer, 199—I desire to renew my motion that we proceed to the election of officers.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—Can a small resolution be offered at this point? It will not interfere with the business of the Encampment. I move that the thanks of the thirteenth annual Encampment be extended to the retiring Division Commander, Lewis J. Macy, for the faithful and conscientious manner in which he has presided over this Encampment.

Motion seconded.

Motion put by Senior Vice-Commander H. C. H. Cooper and unanimously carried by a rising vote.

By the Commander—I thank you for your kindly recognition.

E. W. Estes, 220—I move a rising vote of thanks to James Diven Camp for their attendance here in a body.

Thomas Moran, 25—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried by rising vote.

J. M. Diven, 77—We thank the brothers. We have only done our duty and do not desire any thanks. We will try to be in Auburn and meet you there.

By the Commander—Anything further under the head of miscellaneous business?

O. C. Spencer, 199—I now renew my previous motion, that we proceed to the nomination and election of officers.



Geo. B. Cathers, 52—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

J. G. Bogart, 88—I move that in the nomination of candidates, the speaker be allowed only five minutes, and speak only once.

George W. Land, 52—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

George E. Johnson, 2—Commander, and members of this convention: Under this head I desire to present for your consideration the name of a man who it is utterly unnecessary to mention for the office of Colonel of the New York Division. In doing so, I do not present a name to you of one who is confined to any particular part or section of the state, or of one whose labors have been confined to any locality. His labors and his name have gone forth throughout the New York Division. While he has never asked or sought elevation to this office before, he appears as one who has labored continuously and with earnest efforts and success. In conclusion, let me say that I do not intend to make any long speech. His father entered the army as a drummer boy and in two short years left it as a major. I now present for your earnest consideration the name of A.G. Courtney, of Syracuse.

Philip Reece, 133—I second the nomination.

Frank Wood, 9—Commander, and members of the Sons of Veterans of the New York Division: As this is the first annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans that it has ever been my pleasure to attend, it was with some foreboding that I have concluded to take the floor and nominate a man for Colonel of this Division. I do not wish to make any lengthy remarks. I know many here desire to leave Waverly as soon as possible. In presenting the name of the person I am about to present as a candidate for the office of Colonel of this Division, I am not presenting the name of one who is unknown. I will present to you the name of a man who is known as a loyal Son of a Veteran and one who never betrayed it, and whose principles have always been represented in the three words, Friendship, Charity and Loyalty. I can speak because I know whereof I speak; because I know him. There are also others who know him as well as I do; the man whom we know as a private and whose work has never been exceeded by any man who has held the office of Colonel of this Division; a man who has no superior. I say this because I think the Sons of Veterans

will make no mistake in electing to the high office of Colonel a man who possesses the abilities of my candidate. I know that I became acquainted with his work about the year 1889. Between 1861 and 1865 the boys who were called to the front to defend the Stars and Stripes, defend the integrity of this Union, are now the veterans of the late war. I think they were veterans on account of circumstances. They were possessed of the spirit that fitted them for the positions they held, and in a line of promotion a man was always recognized for his abilities in the carrying out of the workings of his office. I think the rule will hold in all organizations. In presenting the name of this candidate, you ask me where he comes from; what is his name? He comes from the city of Albany and his name is George Addington.

W. E. Mantague, 86, seconds the nomination of George Addington.

Past Division Commander Hoeffling—This is not the first time that I have attended a convention, but it is the first time that I have appeared before you to make a nomination, for it is my honor to-day to present you the name of one of the grandest Sons of Veterans in the State of New York. His loyalty cannot be questioned. He is a brother of sterling worth and integrity, and his qualification makes him a most worthy successor to our esteemed Commander, Lewis J. Macy. We submit that the Commandership of the New York Division should be in Greater New York city. The brother whose name I am about to present, has never held any office in this Division. There is no one who has made greater or more sacrifices than he, and his hand has been extended to the veteran and many a home gladdened by his acts of charity. I therefore ask you in the name of justice and the welfare of the New York Division that you make your next Division Commander George W. Marks of Brooklyn.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—I arise to second the nomination of this worthy comrade, with whom I have had the honor of associating for the last fourteen years. I have been a member of the camps of the Sons of Veterans for the past fourteen years. I have been known to be a kicker because I have been opposed to wrong. I came here as a representative of my camp. I do not come here to grasp everything, and I do not come here for the purpose of forming an organization for promoting men. We want men of experience, men who are justified in ask-

ing that their claims be allowed, men who have stood shoulder to shoulder, not only in the post system, but in the camp. In seconding the nomination of General Marks, I know that he has sacrificed his own business and his interests for this Division. I tell you, comrades, you are doing wrong in foisting these parties upon this Encampment, and I say, comrades, down with them at this Encampment; and in voting for George W. Marks you can do it. Therefore I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Brother Marks, and hope he will be elected.

H. M. Ford, 52—I arise at this time to speak in behalf of Syracuse. I never thought that the time would come when it would be necessary to defend a camp which stands at the head of the list. Merriam Camp extended to the delegates to the Encampment an invitation to come to Syracuse and enjoy the sociability of that city. We made out of that Encampment, \$125, as an offset to what had been done before. In 1894, at Middleport, on behalf of the petition of over two hundred citizens of Syracuse, an invitation was extended to come to Syracuse again. Out of the ball, the Sons had the honor of making \$200, and spent \$1200. With regard to Dr. Courtney, we think a great deal of him in Syracuse. He joined the camp in 1889, and he has never lost a meeting of the camp except when absent at the Dental College. The whole subject has been talked over, and Brother Courtney has the backing of three men who are worth half a million dollars. I second the nomination of Dr. A. G. Courtney.

J. M. Diven, 77—Like one other comrade, this is my first Encampment. I met Comrade Courtney and from my acquaintance with him, I feel no hesitation in saying that this Division will certainly thrive and flourish under his administration.

Division Quartermaster Parkhurst, 105—I move that the nominations be now closed, if there are no further nominations, and that we proceed to ballot for the office of Commander.

J. G. Bogart, 88—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

The Adjutant here proceeds with the roll call of camps.

The vote as announced by the tellers for the office of Division Commander was as follows :

Total vote, 121.

Dr. A. G. Courtney, 79.



George Addington, 23.

George W. Marks, 19.

Frank Wood, 9—Honored Commander and members of the New York Division, and Comrade of Syracuse: I can assure you all, inasmuch as the contest has been an honorable one, that I take great pleasure at the present time in moving to make unanimous the election of our Comrade Courtney.

Past Commander-in-chief George W. Marks—I also arise to move to this Encampment that the election of Brother Courtney be made unanimous.

Motion seconded.

Past Division Commander George Addington—I also second the motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief George W. Marks—I trust that the brother will give the two defeated candidates the right to make the motion that the nomination of Brother Courtney be made unanimous.

Frank Wood, Gloversville—I will certainly give way to the brothers.

By the Commander—Brother Courtney, the members of this Encampment have unanimously elected you as Commander for the ensuing year.

Commander-elect Courtney—Colonel and brothers, I desire to thank you on this occasion for the hearty support you have given me. I assure you that the kind words you have spoken in my behalf are indelibly impressed on my heart. I can assure you that the best interests of this Division, so far as it is concerned, runs no chances, and we will endeavor to turn it over to you at the end of this year with results at least equal to the best results that have yet been attained. As regards the Division, you have a right to expect me not to cater to any sectional or factional part of your work. I absolutely ignore any faction in this Division. No faction has any consideration with me. Well do I at this time appreciate the great responsibility that this work entails. I can assure you I have a large and efficient working force for the coming year, but it will be futile to me unless I can have the hearty co-operation of the members of this Division.

C. D. Higgins, Junior Vice-Commander—I desire to place in nomination for the office of Senior Vice-Commander a man well known in the Division, Brother E. W. Estes, of Clayton.

H. C. H. Cooper, Senior Vice-Commander—I second

the nomination. Commander, will you excuse me for the time being?

By the Commander—I will. Brother VanSchoick, 52, will you act as Senior Vice-Commander in the absence of Brother Cooper?

Brother VanSchoick assumes the chair.

Quartermaster John W. Parkhurst, 105—I move, if there are no further nominations, that they now close.

Brother Reilly, 220, Clayton—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

J. G. Bogart, 88—I move that in each case where there is only one candidate, that the adjutant cast the vote of the New York Division for the office.

W. H. Harris, 88—I second the motion.

Past Division Commander Holmes—I would suggest that there should be included in the motion that the adjutant cast the vote for such candidate.

Suggestion of Colonel Holmes accepted by mover and seconder of motion, whereupon the motion was duly put and carried.

By the Commander—There is one ballot cast for Senior Vice Division Commander, E. W. Estes, 220.

E. W. Estes, 220, Senior Vice-Commander-elect, escorted to the platform.

By the Commander—Brother Estes, the members of the thirteenth annual Encampment have unanimously chosen you as their choice for senior vice-commander for the ensuing year. Allow me to congratulate you.

Senior Vice-Commander-elect E. W. Estes—Commander and Brothers: I thank you very heartily for this honor. This is the stereotyped form of expressing oneself when elected to an office. I do appreciate it. I love the Order of the Sons of Veterans. You have elected me Senior Vice-Commander. In a certain sense this is an honorary position involving no work. I think that is the history of the past. I shall endeavor during my term of office, not only to carry out any and every suggestion of the Commander just elected, but shall endeavor personally to assist the organization and place it where it belongs. There is important work to be done in this Division. In the coming year I shall do my utmost to do more than I ever have before. Again I say I thank you. I believe and trust that you will not regret the choice that you have made, and that a year from now I shall receive your hearty commendation for the work of the year.

By the Commander—The election of junior vice-commander is the next thing in order.

Past Division Commander Clarence E. Holmes—For the office of junior vice-commander, I desire to present the name of a man, not only my friend, but the friend of every member of the Division of New York; a man whom you all know and have known for years, to whom we are undoubtedly indebted for the splendid entertainment we have had in this town. I desire to place in nomination Brother C. L. Demorest, of Waverly.

C. B. Burch, 105—I second the nomination of Brother Demorest.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—I arise to second the nomination of this brother, because I am always in favor of showing our appreciation for one's work where we find it.

J. M. Diven, 77—I wish to arise to second the nomination of Comrade C. L. Demorest. Two years ago last month he installed our camp; we know him. I feel the inspiration I have imbibed from him. The election of Brother C. L. Demorest will go a long way towards placing the Empire Division where it belongs, first, not second. The work he has done deserves commendation.

Past Division Commander George Addington—While I appreciate the popularity of Brother Demorest, while I appreciate that this Encampment has been second to none which I have attended, and I have attended many, and while I appreciate the fact that he is entirely worthy of this honor, there is another brother equally worthy and competent to fill the position. I refer to a brother from Brooklyn. I will refer to his record briefly in the remarks which I shall make. I refer to a brother who is a member of R. V. Young Camp, of Brooklyn, one of the largest camps in the state of New York. He has been the promoter of the largest camp recently organized in this state, the largest ever formed in this Division. He has been a member of this Order for twelve years. I might say much more of what he has done for the Order and his work for the Order. He has demonstrated to you that he is ever zealous in his interest and work for the Order. Perhaps this will be of no value, and I do not say wrongfully so, because delegates rightly make a canvass and get men. But he was chosen mustering officer of the Division. The New York Division requires no work from that officer; that is, it does not lay out any work. He was a Division officer. He desired to do work, and out of the six hundred members taken into the Division last



year, he obtained at least one-third. What was his complaint here yesterday? Not that you required too much work of him. No! That you did not give him sufficient work. Although you did not see fit to adopt his excellent report, and I was a member of the committee to vote not to adopt his recommendation, but notwithstanding this fact, he looked to the city of Brooklyn and saw that he could do something, whether required of him in an official capacity or not. Brothers, I want to take this opportunity of thanking that little band which supported me, and in conclusion, desire to present for your consideration for junior vice-commander, Frank K. Maples, of Young Camp, of Brooklyn.

J. F. Murphy, 101—I heartily second the nomination of Frank K. Maples, on behalf of my camp.

W. H. Harris, 88—I move that the nominations be closed, if there are no further nominations.

Motion seconded.

Motion put and carried.

J. H. Wilton, 63—In order to facilitate business, I would move that the nomination of the next set of officers be made while the the tellers are making the count.

H. M. Ford, 52—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

Ira A. Allen, Division Surgeon—In nominating candidates, it seems to have been customary to state their duties and the recommendations which should induce the brothers to vote for them. This is unnecessary in this case. I place in nomination for member of the Division council, our Division inspector, Philip Reece.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I wish to place in nomination for member of the Division council, Charles D. Higgins.

W. H. Harris, 88—I second the nomination.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—It is not customary to place in nomination or present a name which has not been placed on the slate. It is necessary that I should present one to-day. I am sorry if I interfere in any way. It won't take long to present the name which I shall present to this Encampment. He is well known to this Encampment; one who, if elected, will give his very best attention to the place. Therefore, I trust that the members of this Encampment will record their vote for one member of the council who has never received any recognition. Therefore I ask your support for my worthy son, Brother Thomas Moran.

Commander-elect Courtney—I would be pleased to place in nomination a name that has merit, from some of the best work done in the Division, and I feel that the brothers will think with me that his name merits our consideration, when you hear his name mentioned. I desire to place in nomination for member of the Division council, a member who should receive our hearty support, Brother John W. Parkhurst, of Pulaski.

H. P. Hollister, 64—I second the nomination.

John Kenific, 25—I move that the nominations be now closed.

Motion, being duly seconded, was thereupon put and carried.

By the Commander—Officer, you will secure the door. The tellers will now announce the vote on junior vice-commander.

The following is the result of the ballot:

C. L. Demorest, 98.

Frank K. Maples, 21.

Frank K. Maples, 20—Brothers of the New York Division: Some twelve years ago I became a member of the Sons of Veterans. I have endeavored to do my duty faithfully and without fear, and I believe I have tried to loyally support this Order. I would not have opposed Brother Demorest, except for one thing. I did not propose to, except for the fact that I gave my word of honor that I would stand as a candidate for the office of junior vice-commander. I move that the nomination of Brother Demorest be made unanimous.

O. E. Witherell, 35—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—The thirteenth annual Encampment has signified its wish of having you serve as junior vice-commander, Brother Demorest. I congratulate you.

C. L. Demorest, 88—As was remarked to you a little while ago, there is a stereotyped way of expressing 'most everything. Now I know that no stereotyped form of words would at this time express my appreciation. I assure you that I do appreciate it from the bottom of my heart, not for myself alone, but for my camp and the town we represent here. I do not claim this honor. I have not claimed it. I feel that I have not done anything, even in a feeble way, to merit this honor. Of course, in a feeble way, I have worked for this Order; I did it for the love I have for the Order; and if in any way I can

do more to further the interests of this Division, I want to do it. I want to be shown a way, and I make a request now that any brother of any camp in this Division, if there is any here in this Waverly Encampment, if I can be of any benefit to you, I should be very glad to serve you. I cannot make an address. I do not want to do it. I might like to, but we have not the time. Upon one or two occasions, some of the brothers have come to me and have asked me how we were coming out with this Encampment. We had considerable work to do and little time in which to do it. In behalf of Waverly Camp, I want to say that this Encampment will not be the end of the Waverly Camp. We have not gone into this Encampment to make any money out of it, yet we are not going to be in debt. I have in my pocket bills for everything we have contracted. I have checks in my pocket to pay every one of those bills, and, furthermore, we have money in the bank to pay the expenses of this Encampment. I appreciate the feeling of the brothers who have spoken to me in regard to the matter, and I simply make this remark so that it may be known. We did not promise you any great things when you came here. While I am here I want to make one request this afternoon. We want as many as possibly can to organize and go with us for an excursion some time this afternoon. We have it. We have secured the trolley, and as I suggested here earlier, we want to take the Encampment picture.

Wm. Moynihan, 6—I arise to make a motion that the chairman of each delegation arise in his place and name three persons for members of the Division council, and those receiving a majority of votes be declared duly elected.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—I second the motion.

Past Division Commander Clarence E. Holmes—The constitution provides that a plurality vote shall elect.

Wm. Moynihan, 6—Then I make my motion plurality.

J. G. Bogart, 88—Shall not all officers be elected by a majority?

Past Division Commander Holmes—Members of the Division council and delegates shall be elected by a plurality vote.

Motion as revised put and carried.

John V. B. Clarkson, 140—In order to facilitate matters, I move that we proceed to the nomination and election of delegate-at-large.



Ira A. Allen, Division Surgeon—I second the motion.  
Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—Nominations are now in order.

H. M. Ford, 52—At the national Encampment held last year, not one place came forward to ask for the Encampment and make a bid. The national Encampment of the Sons of Veterans was held in the city of Syracuse once, and it stands on record that the camp lost some \$1,500 by attempting to hold a National Encampment. By looking at the New York Division we find that it stands second. In presenting a name for delegate-at-large, I want to present the name of one from the city of Syracuse; a man who will do this Order good in any place in which you may place him. We want to send a man from Syracuse, and provided no place makes a bid for the next national Encampment, the delegate-at-large from this city can invite them to a place to hold the next national Encampment. As we have a condidate for Commander-in-Chief, Scott Oberdorf, it would not be well to send him with these instructions. Therefore, I nominate Adam C. Listman, of Syracuse.

Nomination seconded by Frank Wood, 9.

John W. Parkhurst, Division Quartermaster—I move the nominations be now closed, if there are no further nominations.

Charles Kinney, Brocton—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

H. C. H. Cooper, Senior Vice-Commander—I move that the adjutant be instructed to cast one ballot for Adam C. Listman for delegate-at-large.

By the Commander—That resolution has already been adopted.

Adjutant deposits ballot for Adam C. Listman for delegate-at-large.

Tellers announced the vote for Division council as follows:

Thomas Moran, 37.

J. W. Parkhurst, 84.

C. D. Higgins, 86.

Philip Reece, 80.

By the Commander—I declare Brothers Philip Reece, J. W. Parkhurst and C. D. Higgins elected.

C. H. E. Moran, 25—On behalf of myself and my son here, we very much thank the 37 comrades who voted for us. This is a very great success, and especially when you buck a Sons of Veterans ticket.

John V. B. Clarkson, 140—I move that we proceed to the election of alternate delegate-at-large.

By the Commander—I now announce to you that Adam C. Listman has been unanimously elected delegate-at-large to the next national Encampment.

George E. Johnson, 2—I now move that we proceed to the election of alternate delegate-at-large.

By the Commander—We would like first to hear from Brother Listman.

Adam C. Listman, 166—I thank you for this honor in selecting me as your delegate-at-large. I shall live up to the instructions that were laid down to this Encampment, and stand by Past Commander Scott Oberdorf. I will guarantee that if I am well and alive, that it is sickness only which can keep me away from the national Encampment. Very few of the delegates have heard from me on the inside of the hall, but you have heard me on the outside. I wish to say that Brother Ford of Syracuse flattered me a little too much. If it is the wish of the Division of New York to get the next National Encampment, I won't promise it, but I will do everything in my power. But if it is going to injure the chances of Scott Oberdorf, it will go to another state.

By the Commander—The election of alternate delegate-at-large is the next thing in order.

The motion of George E. Johnson being duly seconded, the motion was thereupon put and carried.

W. D. Spear, 307—I think the man whom I shall name has a place in the affections of every man in this Encampment. This brother will go there and do good, faithful work as an alternate-at-large. I nominate H. C. H. Cooper.

C. B. Burch, 105—I second the nomination.

Ira A. Allen, Division Surgeon—I move that the nominations be now closed.

W. H. Harris, 88, seconds the motion.

Motion put and carried.

Adjutant casts the ballot of the Encampment for H. C. H. Cooper, who is thereupon declared duly elected.

John V. B. Clarkson, 140—I now move that we proceed to the nomination and election of delegates.

Wm. Moynihan, 6—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

John V. B. Clarkson, 140—I understand that we are entitled to nine delegates. I will place in nomination nine men who have been selected with the greatest care

by members of the Division; men who are known to be or have expressed themselves as being willing to go.

Charles Kinney, 91.

J. Frank Durston, 52.

George E. Johnson, 2.

Newton G. Ehle, 105.

Wm. Moynihan, 6.

Chas. Hagen, 42.

J. M. Diven, 77.

O. C. Spencer, 199.

Adam C. Listman, 166—I seconding the nominations of these delegates, I wish to say that the rosters of this Encampment were searched for men to go as delegates who had the means to pay their own expenses to the national Encampment. We went to them and told them that they would have to pay their own expenses. I hope that every one of these people will go in a body to the national Encampment, if elected.

George B. Fish, 40—If there are no further nominations, I move that they now close.

A. VanSchoick, 52—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

Adjutant deposits ballot for brothers above named and thereupon they were declared duly elected.

By the Commander—We will now proceed to the nomination and election of alternates.

John V. B. Clarkson, 140—I place in nomination the following gentlemen:

O. E. Witherell, 35.

Joseph Bingham, 229.

J. C. Kelley, 47.

W. A. Personius, 88.

Geo. M. Matthews, 191.

O. J. Fuller, 130.

H. P. Hollister, 64.

Thos. D. Rivers, 167.

W. D. Spear, 229.

Geo. B. Fish, 40—I second the nominations of these brothers.

O. E. Spencer, 35—I move that the nominations be now closed.

The motion, upon being duly seconded, was put and carried.

Adjutant casts the ballot of the Encampment for the alternates named, who were thereupon by the chair declared duly elected.



Ira A. Allen, Division Surgeon—I move that we adjourn until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Commander-elect Courtney—I second the motion.  
Motion put and carried.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 4 P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Commander Macy in the chair.

Encampment opened in due form.

By the Commander—We will open again under the head of the twelfth order of business. Is there any new business?

H. H. Parker, 9—I want to make a suggestion. While riding on the excursion this afternoon, I talked with quite a number of captains. They agreed with me that there should be some arrangement made so that the ritualistic work can be exemplified. I therefore make a motion that the Encampment to be held at Auburn make arrangements by which the ritualistic work can be exemplified. I think this is wise. As suggested by some, it might be given by the team that has the highest per cent. in this work. They could come there and then we could see whether they merit the per cent. given them. My motion is that they make arrangements to show us the ritualistic work, how it is done; that they set apart some time to do this, and, if possible, have the camp having the highest per cent. do the work.

Frank K. Maples, 20, Division Mustering Officer—I second the motion.

Motion put and carried.

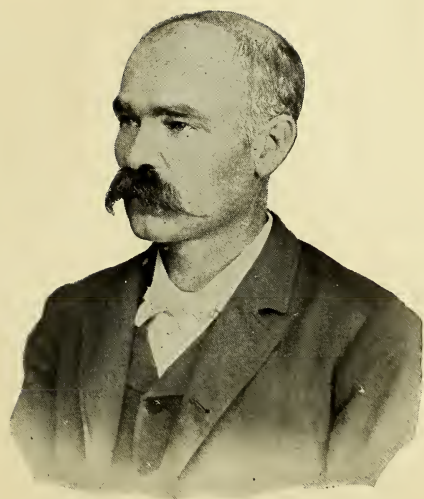
By the Commander—Does this Encampment wish to appoint a transportation committee?

H. H. Parker, 9—I move you that you appoint a committee of three on transportation.

J. F. Durston, 52—I think it is customary for the committee entertaining the convention to appoint a transportation committee.

Geo. E. Johnson, 2—You will see the importance of getting in the application at least three weeks prior to the Encampment.

By the Commander—Away back in March or April I made arrangements with the trunk line association for Plattsburg, but when the change was made I at once made application for transportation here. They first declined to give me anything but a certificate plan.



**CHARLES KINNEY, Past Division Inspector.**  
(For Biography see page 112.)





Geo. E. Johnson, 2—I second the motion of Camp 9.  
Motion put and carried.

By the Commander—I would appoint on that committee: George E. Johnson, Jac Wisel and J. F. Durston. We will now proceed with the next order of business, which is the installation of officers. Brother Courtney, have you the installing officer ready?

Commander-elect Courtney—I have. Past Commander-in-chief George W. Marks has consented to act.

General Marks assumes the chair and proceeds, assisted by Brother Geo. F. Wood, 42, to install the following officers:

Adjutant, J. Frank Durston, 52.

Quartermaster, G. B. Cathers, 52.

Chaplain, W. C. Gray, 43.

Division Inspector, George E. Johnson, 2.

Judge Advocate, George S. Tarbell, 40.

Surgeon, Ira A. Allen, 102.

Mustering Officer, Frank Connell, 21.

Commander Courtney here assumes the chair.

Past Division Commander Lewis J. Macy—Brother Courtney, I hold in my hand the badge of your office, that little badge which has been worn by the Past Colonels of this Division, and last by your humble servant. There is not a man in the state of New York upon whom we more like to place it than yourself. We have elected you and know you are tried and true, and it gives me great pleasure to place this upon your breast. I know you will wear it with credit to the Division and honor to yourself.

Commander Courtney—I thank the Colonel for his kind mention, and I assure you that no act of mine shall detract from the lustre of this little emblem which has been worn with such credit by my honorable predecessors.

General Marks—Colonel Macy, Past Colonel Lewis J. Macy: After two years of unceasing toil upon your part, after two years of hard work in the Division of New York, after two years of sacrifice, it is fitting for me to be thus honored in giving you at the close of your official capacity as Colonel of this Division, a parting greeting, and thus for me to say that you have endeared yourself to the heart of every member of the New York Division. We, with you, can point with pride back to the past two years when we, with you, have labored to place the Order of the New York Division where it belongs to-day, in the top-most rank of the Order of Sons of Veterans. While

we have not reached that goal, the Order has increased in every particular. The members of the Division of New York wish to show to you the honor and esteem in which they hold you. They have selected me to present to you a token of their esteem and love. I assure you that nothing makes me more happy than to know they have selected me to return the compliment you extended to me last year. In behalf of the Division of New York, I present to you this beautiful watch and chain. You will know every time you look at it that there are many hearts which beat with loyalty to you, and with that charity which every son of a veteran knows how to bestow on those they love best. I will say in conclusion that the members of the Division of New York see in you, they know in you one who has treated one and all alike. We say to you, God bless and God speed you. [Applause.]

Three cheers given for Colonel Macy.

Past Division Commander Macy—There are times in one's life when they are put to it for words to express their feelings. I certainly consider it a great honor to have you make that presentation. I certainly shall prize it more on account of the source from which it comes. I took command of the Division of New York. We labored hard. It has been my prayer that the New York Division might be highest in the Order of the Sons of Veterans. I pledge you, my words and work and all the time I can spare shall be used to place it where it belongs. Brothers, I can say no more. I thank you.

Commander Courtney—Past Colonel Macy and Brothers: It is surely not fitting on this occasion for Past Commander-in-chief George W. Marks to take all the time in a work that would afford me as much pleasure as it does General Marks. While I have not a watch to present to Colonel Macy, still I have with the well wishes of the Division of New York to present to Colonel Macy a decoration which will be prized by him. I am sure that no one merits the consideration of the New York Division more than Colonel Macy. He has given his work and time to the New York Division. On this occasion why I have been selected I do not know; I am sure it is not because of my fitness for the office. The members of the New York Division have selected a little token for Colonel Macy known as the silver cross. On it read the words, "L. J. Macy," then the emblems of the Order, known to us all. On the back we read; "To

Colonel Lewis J. Macy, Presented by the New York Division, S. V., U. S. A., at Waverly, June 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1896." Past Colonel Macy, I present to you this badge, which will suggest to those you meet that you have the best and highest wishes of the New York Division. I know I express to you the sentiments of our entire Division.

Past Colonel Macy—I do not know what I have done to merit this much. It certainly affords me great pleasure to know that the New York Division thinks well of me. I can say nothing that expresses the feelings of my heart, that I said on the presentation of the watch. It certainly affords me great pleasure to have the new Commander of the New York Division make this presentation. I thank you, Brothers; words will not express it.

Frank K. Maples, 20—I move that a rising vote of thanks be extended to Past Commander-in-chief George W. Marks for the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of installing officer for this Division.

H. H. Parker, 9—I second the motion.

The motion was put and unanimously carried by a rising vote.

Past Division Commander Holmes—I would state at this point, perhaps for the purpose of getting it on the minutes, that at the request of Colonel Macy and in the presence of a large number of the members of this Encampment, I installed the Division council-elect in the parlor of the hotel, this afternoon.

Frank K. Maples, 20—I think we owe Colonel Holmes something. I move the same vote of thanks to Colonel Holmes.

H. P. Hollister, 64—I second the motion.

The motion was put and unanimously carried by a rising vote.

Past Colonel Holmes—I move that the notes taken by the stenographer be adopted as the official minutes of this Encampment.

Seconded by D. B. Clark, 42.

Motion put and carried.

C. L. Demorest, Junior Vice-Commander—Upon request of Captain Diven, I would state that Camp 77 invites this Encampment to visit it this afternoon and evening. I understand his drum corps will be down here about 7 o'clock to escort you to the camp. I would suggest that the brothers had better not overload their stomachs at supper time.



Past General-in-chief Geo. W. Marks—I move that this Encampment close.

Past Colonel Macy—I second the motion to close. Encampment closed in due form.

Signed:

L. J. MACY, Commander.

B. G. SEAMANS, Adjutant.

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## Biographical Sketches.

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### A. G. COURTNEY, Commander.

Colonel A. G. Courtney, of Syracuse, N. Y., Commander of the New York Division, was born in Rouseville, Pa., December 6th, 1869. At an early age he removed to Waverly and later to Syracuse, N. Y., where he has since resided. He was mustered into the Order August 18th, 1889, as a member of Merriam Camp, No. 52, one of the most prominent camps in the Order. He has filled nearly every office in the local camp, including first sergeant in 1891 and captain in 1892. He was appointed Division mustering officer in 1893 and in 1894 was unanimously elected senior vice-commander. At the Waverly Encampment, June 25th, 1896, he was elected to the high office of Division Commander. He being the youngest officer ever elected to command the New York Division, sufficiently attests his popularity.

Dr. Courtney is a practicing dentist in Syracuse, having graduated with high honors from the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, at Philadelphia, in the class of '91. He is a prominent member of the Fifth District Dental Society of the state of New York and the Syracuse Dental Society, being librarian of the former and secretary of the latter. He has long been identified with athletic sports, is a director of the Syracuse Athletic Association, the fifth largest athletic and cycling club in the United States; a member of the board of managers of the Metropolitan District Amateur Athletic Union; and local consul of the League of American Wheelmen. In 1892 he won the all round championship of his city in a field of thirty competitors. Colonel Courtney is a writer of ability and has contributed quite extensively to

the local and general press and to the Grand Army Journal. His administration as Commander will give evidence of having been conducted by strictly business methods, although conservative, of sufficient energy to promote the best interests of the organization.

### **LEWIS J. MACY, Past Commander.**

Colonel Lewis J. Macy, of Pulaski, N. Y., was born near Chatham, N. Y., in 1848. In 1861, with his parents, he moved to Pulaski, where he has since resided. He joined the Order of Sons of Veterans, October 24, 1890, as a charter member of A. S. Warner Camp, No. 105, the same evening being elected its captain and re-elected in 1891 and 1892. At the Encampment in Amsterdam in 1892, he was unanimously elected junior vice-commander, and in Clayton, in June, 1893, was unanimously elected senior vice-commander. At Middleport, in June, 1894, the old story repeated itself and he was elected Division Commander, and at Syracuse, in 1895, was unanimously re-elected, an honor never before conferred on a Commander of the New York Division.

Brother Macy is a man of considerable prominence in his section of the state; his good judgment and business tact were long since put in evidence. He is a prominent member of many organizations, including the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights Templar and the A. O. U. W., having filled nearly every local office in those Orders. For over seventeen years he was associated with the Pulaski fire department, including four years as chief; and last March was elected as a republican supervisor of the town of Richland by one of the largest majorities ever given; and is also one of the village trustees of Pulaski.

His work as Division Commander the past two years has been that of constant application, which has resulted in success of a nature very gratifying to the Order. Though now in the ranks as a private, Colonel Macy keeps a constant outlook for the welfare of the Order.

### **BYRON G. SEAMANS, Division Adjutant.**

Byron G. Seamans is a native of Oswego county and now resides in the village of Pulaski. He is thirty-four years of age and has for the past twelve years been connected with newspaper work. He is now proprietor of The Pulaski Democrat, an independent, weekly paper.

He is a son of Geo. W. Seamans, who served the last year of the war in company C, of the 186th New York state volunteers. In December, 1895, he was appointed on the staff of Colonel L. J. Macy as adjutant of the Division, to fill vacancy made by the resignation of N. G. Ehle.

### **C. L. DEMOREST, Junior. Vice-commander.**

C. L. Demorest was born in Litchfield, Bradford county, Pa., February 12, 1863. His father, Leonard Demorest, enlisted at Owego, N. Y., September, 1864, in company K, 179th regiment, and died at Carver hospital in April, 1865, from the effects of a wound received at Petersburg. Mr. Demorest is a commercial traveler by occupation and is well and favorably known by the furniture trade throughout New York state and Pennsylvania. He is a charter member of Waverly Camp, 88, and when at home has not missed a meeting of his camp except in case of sickness. He has represented his camp at Binghamton, Amsterdam and Clayton Encampments. He has served in his camp council four years and as quartermaster three years; he was appointed aide on the staffs of Col. Holmes and Col. Oberdorf; appointed Division chaplain by Col. Robertson; reappointed by Col. Macy; elected to Division council at Syracuse, 1895; and elected junior vice-commander at Waverly, 1896. He has repeatedly refused the highest office of his camp on account of being absent so much from home. But whatever he undertakes to do is done well.

### **W. C. GRAY, Division Chaplain.**

W. C. Gray, Division chaplain, is a member of H. H. Winchell Camp, S. of V., No. 43, of Utica, N. Y. His father, Lewis H. Gray, served in the 152nd regiment, as corporal, and died in August, 1876. Mr. Gray is one of Utica's most prominent business men and is a member of the Tabernacle Baptist church, the Y. M. C. A., Y. P. S. C. E. and one of the founders of the Rescue Mission, of that city. He is also identified with temperance work, having been several times honored with nominations from the prohibition party; once for member of Assembly, once for sheriff of Oneida county, and last, but not least, for mayor of the city of Utica, each time running ahead of the ticket. As a member of the Sons of Veterans, none are more loyal.



**CHAS. D. HIGGINS, chairman Division Council.**

Charles D. Higgins was born in Pultneyville, Wayne county, N. Y., on the 21st day of September, 1859, and derives his right to belong to the order of Sons of Veterans from his father, A. W. Higgins, who lost his life from a gunshot wound at the siege of Petersburg. Brother Higgins has for many years been an active worker in the Order, having been one of the early members of the post system and afterwards a charter member of Camp 76, of Glens Falls. He is deservedly popular among his associates in the Order as well as out, as is evidenced by his having held the captaincy of his present camp for three terms and the fact that he is now the president of the Seneca-Cayuga Association of Sons of Veterans and is held in high esteem by the members of the Order in his vicinity. He was unanimously chosen junior vice-commander at Syracuse, an office which he filled with honor to himself and credit to the Order, having been chiefly instrumental in the formation of two thriving camps in the southern part of Seneca county. At the present time he holds the position of chairman of the Division council.

**J. W. PARKHURST, of Division Council.**

J. W. Parkhurst was born near Pulaski, N. Y., May 29, 1870, and joined the Order as a charter member of A. S. Warner Camp, 105, October 24, 1890, at which time he was appointed first sergeant, a position he filled for three years with honor and credit to himself and camp. He is at present captain of his camp. He was appointed Division quartermaster at the Middleport Encampment, in 1894, and re-appointed at Syracuse in 1895, an honor which no other member of the Sons of Veterans has ever enjoyed. He was elected member of the Division council at Waverly. His work in all departments shows him to be a capable and efficient officer. Brother Parkhurst is a prominent member of the fire department, Masons and Odd Fellows, being a past grand of the latter. He conducts a large insurance business in Pulaski and is a graduate of Pulaski Academy. Brother Parkhurst is one of those members who by constant application and earnest effort add very materially to the success of the Order.

**H. C. H. COOPER, Alternate-at-large.**

H. C. H. Cooper, the genial and well known member of Glidden Camp, No. 6, located at Rochester, was born in Brockport, N. Y., April 3, 1866, and joined the Sons of Veterans in 1888. He was elected captain of his camp in 1889 and again in 1890-91. In 1891 he was appointed Division inspector on the staff of Colonel Holmes, a position very acceptably filled. He was elected Division delegate to Cincinnati in 1893. At Middleport, in 1894, he was elected junior vice-commander; and at Syracuse, in 1895, he was elected senior vice-commander; and at the Waverly Encampment he was elected alternate-at-large. His genial and active nature, a disposition that readily shows itself, has made him a leader at all gatherings of the Sons of Veterans. Brother Cooper is prominently interested in scientific mechanics and is the present president of the polytechnic society of the Ætheneum and Mechanics' Institute at Rochester.

**CHARLES KINNEY, Past Division Inspector.**

Charles Kinney was born December 12, 1847, in Addison, Steuben county, N. Y. He was a volunteer in company L, of the 2nd Pennsylvania cavalry, enlisting February 25, 1863, at the age of fifteen years and two months. He was in engagements at Spottsylvania, "Mine Run," Sheridan's Raid, Cold Harbor, City Point, Siege of Petersburg, and was with Grant at Appomatox and had charge of a gang of telegraph repairers and escort to repair telegraph from Richmond to Lynchburg. After Lee's surrender he was discharged, in July, 1865; he became a member of the G. A. R. in Bradford, Pa., in 1877, afterward removing to Brocton, N. Y., and becoming a member of Post 291, G. A. R., of that place, of which post he is a past commander. He was an aide upon G. A. R. Commander Cleary's staff; he was instrumental in organizing Corps 108, W. R. C.; and afterward succeeded in getting a camp of S. of V. organized at Brocton, N. Y., it being Camp 191. Brother Kinney was elected a delegate to the Commandery-in-chief at Helena, and attended the session at Cincinnati. He received the appointment of Division inspector at the Middleport Encampment. He commanded the fleet at Clayton and received the title of "Commodore," and at present is one of the inner circle of the K. O. C. known as the "supreme lecturer," or No. 2. Brother Kinney is probably the youngest G. A. R. man in our Order.

**IRA A. ALLEN, Division Surgeon.**

Ira A. Allen was born in Boyntonville, N. Y., May 27th, 1865. He has resided in New York City the greater portion of his life. He graduated in medicine from the University of the City of New York, Medical Department, in March, 1888, and has been in general practice in New York City since that time. He joined the Order of Sons of Veterans, January 6th 1891, as a member of Reno Camp No. 102, Division of New York, and has been elected to every office in the camp. He was elected captain in 1894 and served his term; has acted in the capacity of surgeon of Reno Camp ever since his muster; was appointed Division Surgeon by Colonel L. J. Macy in 1895, and re-appointed by Colonel A. G. Courtney in 1896. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. As our Division Surgeon, Dr. Allen is rendering the most efficient service. His report at the last Encampment showed that he is thoroughly interested in his work.









